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VICTORY AT INDIA'S COST MEANS A BLOODIER WAR

Gandhiji On Present Mood Of India Government

"HAD AUTHORITIES LISTENED TO CONGRESS IN AUGUST 1942, INDIA WOULD HAVE ENJOYED FREEDOM"

WARDHA Feb. 17.

Mahatma Gandhi has issued the following statement: "I have delayed giving my opinion on the Bihar Government's challenge to Congress workers in the hope that the storm was an isolated mistake and that it will correct itself. I find I was mistaken. On top of the happenings in Bihar comes news that Shri Purushottamdas Tandon has been re-arrested. The workers in Bihar are well-known, and of them one is an ex-Prime Minister and another is ex-Finance Minister. Tandonji is Speaker of the U. P. Assembly. Now comes news that Gopabandhu Choudhury of Orissa, equally well-known too, has been re-arrested.

This is one picture. The other is, the Viceroy holds talks with Sjt. Bhulabhai Desai.

The air is thick with rumours of big changes. The rumour hardly squares with the news I have summarized and which the public knows already.

15 POINT PROGRAMME

Congressmen in Bihar were busy devising concerted measures to give effect to the fifteen point constructive programme sketched by me and in a manner suggested by me when the principal men were arrested, though the programme has no political flavour, using the term politics in its understood sense. I have not hesitated to say that the universal adoption in practice in India of the programme must lead to the attainment of complete independence without either civil non-violent disobedience or even a parliamentary programme. There would then be no necessity for either.

The British would not find it worthwhile to stay in India to rule. They would stay, if they do, as full citizens. In the language of 1942, as rulers they would quit India: for their soldiers would be without occupation, their huge industries without use. That day may not come, but it should be the non-violent soldier's dream which he must ardently to realise and if in its pursuit he is thwarted, he has his non-violent resistance to fall back upon, otherwise called civil disobedience and non-co-operation.

Mass civil disobedience is nobody's responsibility except as yet mine, was not offered in 1942. Nobody who has not permeated the masses can shoulder it. Indeed the masses simply will not move. That is my conviction based on the experience I have gained.

AIM OF 15 POINT PROGRAMME

Hitherto the action in Bihar is defended on the ground of an alleged speech by Shri Prachanati Mishra. The text of that speech has been suppressed. There is no question of Congressman making exciting speeches in prosecution of the constructive programme or about non-violent resistance, much less about resorting to violence or even approving of it. That there is no plan under the present conditions to offer any form of mass civil disobedience has been

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WHY SOVIETS SHOULD FIGHT JAPAN

LONDON, Feb. 18.

Discussing Russia's future relations with Japan, the Special Correspondent of the "Observer" today (Sunday) writes, "Discussions among the great Allied Powers about Russia's role in the Far Eastern settlement after Japan's defeat have, I understand, reached an advanced stage. Russian interest in territories bordering the Soviet Far East have long been recognised as legitimate by the United States and probably also by Great Britain."

"However, even before the Crimea Conference, some measure of agreement (at least between Washington and Moscow) had been reached about the future of those countries now occupied by Japan, which border on the Russian Far East and it is quite possible that some agreement which may not necessarily have been made conditional on Russia's joining the Pacific War, had been endorsed by the "Big Taree" during the Yalta Conference."—Reuter.

Fifth Allied Landing On Arakan Coast

Men Of Fifteenth Indian Corps Surprise Japs At Ru-Ywa, 65 Miles South Of Akyab

ARAKAN FRONT, Feb. 18: British and Indian troops of the 25th Indian Division made another landing on the Arakan coast yesterday morning at Ru-Ywa, about 65 miles south-east of Akyab, writes D. R. Mankekar, A. P. I. war correspondent.

The landing completely surprised the Japanese and the only opposition was two rounds of artillery fire.

Within an hour of the initial landing, men of the Yorks and Lancs regiment were astride the Arakan coast road, a mile and a half inland from the beachhead, which is the main escape route southwards for the Japanese.

All the objectives for "D-Day" were captured.

On the day before the landing Commandos had secretly landed artillery on a small island in a mangrove swamp, and these guns gave valuable support yesterday.

For 40 minutes preceding and during the landing these guns and the guns of the R. N. and R. I. N. warships which escorted the expedition bombarded the 100-foot Ru-Ywa ridge which dominates the landing point, which I. A. F. Hurricanes bombed it.

This is the fifth landing on the Arakan coast made by troops of the Fifteenth Indian Corps in 44 days.

The Yorks and Lancs men have now laid a firm block across the coast road, thus containing the Japanese troops retreating southwards from Kangaw and elsewhere in northern Arakan, preventing them from getting down the coast to Taungup or across to the An Pass, 40 miles north of Ru-Ywe at Kangaw. Troops of this same division fought a fierce action three weeks ago to lay a strong block across the Arakan coast road. The Japanese who escaped through the Kangaw siege should now be caught at Ru-Ywa.

At the mouth of the pass leading over the Ycmas to Minbu on the Irrawaddy, the Japanese are strongly entrenched and as the Fifteenth Corps men move inland, the battle is expected to thicken.

Attacks On Railway Bridges In Burma And Siam

ADVANCE HQ ALFSEA, Feb. 18

Today's SEAC communique says: All: Railway bridges in Burma and Siam were attacked in strength by aircraft of Eastern Air Command yesterday. Heavy bombers wrecked three on the Burma-Siam Railway, two on the Mandalay-Ye line and destroyed a road bridge nearby. Fighter bombers hit six spans on the Rangoon-Mandalay line and one on the railway between Rangoon and Prome.

LAND: Fifteenth Indian Corps: Except for stragglers Ramree Island is now clear of the enemy.

Stubborn resistance is still being offered from positions on the high ground north and east of Kangaw village. Ground operations to clear this area are being supported by air strikes.

FOURTEENTH ARMY: There was no important change in the Sittang bridgehead on the east bank of the Irrawaddy.

Elsewhere patrol activity continued —A. P.

Second Crossing Of Irrawaddy

IRRAWADDY FRONT, CENTRAL BURMA, Feb. 17: Fourteenth Army troops advancing on the Mandalay front made a second successful crossing of the Irrawaddy on the night of February 12/13, and now hold a bridgehead of nine square miles, approximately 50 miles west of Mandalay, writes A. P. I. special correspondent.

The Japs have counter-attacked unsuccessfully on each succeeding night, using artillery and have lost it is estimated, seven officers and more than 300 men.

SECRET WEAPON CAUSES FIRES IN U. S.

Japs Imitate Nazi Propaganda

LONDON, Feb. 18: The Japanese today for the first time imitated the German secret weapon propaganda.

The Tokyo radio said: "Reports are constantly reaching Hong Kong and Shanghai of panic in eastern and central United States, probably caused by attacks with a new Japanese weapon. According to these reports United States authorities have officially admitted that missiles—high explosives and incendiaries made in Japan—have been causing forest and other fires in several parts of the United States. Japanese authorities refuse to make any statement on this shelling. But it is possible that the efforts of Japanese scientists and technicians have lately reached a stage where a new and effective long-range weapon is already in operation".—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

FOURTH ATTEMPT TO LAND IN IWOJIMA

LONDON, Feb. 18: The Japanese News Agency today said that four Allied attempts have now been made to land in Iwojima Island in the Volcano group, 750 miles south of Tokyo. "Japanese garrison units or Iwojima frustrated a fourth attempt yesterday morning."—Reuter.

PAN-ARAB TALKS "GOING VERY WELL."

CAIRO, Feb. 18: After the third meeting of Arab foreign ministers here this afternoon a spokesman said: "The talk are going very well indeed. There seem to be no difficulties in the way of the formation of an Arab League".

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Kanto Bombed Again

600 American Planes Participate In Attack

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Japanese News Agency tonight (Saturday) said that carrier-borne planes from Vice-Admiral Mitcher's task force south-east of the Japanese mainland today raided Kanto a district near Tokyo for the second consecutive day.

The attacks lasted about six hours and about 600 participated. Airfields around Tokyo were again the principal targets, it added.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18: American carrier-planes bombed Tokyo today for the third day running, according to a Japanese broadcast picked up here. The broadcast claimed that 101 planes were shot down yesterday and today.

"NO RAID ON SUNDAY"

The Tokio Radio picked up in New York said today: "The enemy task forces seems to have retreated to the south. There was no raid on the Japanese homeland on Sunday by carrier planes."

The Japanese 'communique' today reported that 101 Allied planes were shot down on Friday suggesting that the earlier Japanese radio report via New York that the raids were continuing today probably referred to yesterday's activities.

BOMBARDMENT OF IWOJIMA CONTINUES

Admiral Nimitz's Headquarters, Guam: Battleships and Cruisers of the Fifth Fleet are continuing bombardment of Iwojima. The communique made no mention of Japanese reports that Iwojima has been invaded.

Carrier and land based aircraft defied the intense anti-aircraft fire to join in the bombardment.

One American warship was damaged by shore fire, off Iwojima.

The Communique said that no details were yet available on the results of the carrier-raids made on Tokyo on Friday and Saturday. Also it did not say whether these attacks are continuing.

FALL OF JAP CABINET HINTED BY TOKYO

NEW YORK, Feb. 18: The fall of the Japanese Cabinet as a result of Admiral Nimitz's carrier-borne attacks was hinted at in a Tokyo broadcast picked up here today.

It said that the powerful Imperial Rule Assistance Committee will meet the Japanese Premier, Gen. Koiso, and consider the formation of a new political party.

COMPLETE CAPTURE OF CORREGIDOR ASSURED

Successful Two-Way Landing By Americans

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, MANILA, Feb. 17.—American Forces have landed on Corregidor and seized the island's decisive points, it is officially stated here today (Saturday). "The complete capture of Corregidor is now assured," it is stated.

The invasion of Corregidor was a two-way action by paratroops and seaborne troops. The paratroopers were dropped on the top side of the island. "The enemy was completely surprised."

Seaborne troops were ferried from Bataan under bombardment from the Seventh Fleet and planes from the Far Eastern Air Force. Landings were made with light casualties and a swift juncture was made with the paratroopers. "The action opens the great harbour of Manila to our fleets."

General MacArthur announced the rescue in Bataan of 21 officers and men who had been hiding there since its collapse in 1942. They consisted of 16 Americans, three Dutch and two British.

In South Manila the destruction of the enemy garrison continues. Our patrols are active around Fort McKinley.

WILL JAPAN REJECT PEACE OFFER?

LONDON, Feb. 18: Japanese Foreign Minister Shigemitsu's announcement that "Japan will not reject any hand which offers peace," prompts the "Sunday Observer" to comment: "The inclusion of this experienced diplomat in General Koiso's Cabinet last July was widely noted as a preparation for the day when Japan having realised that the end had come—a putatively liberal Government would emerge to pretend that the militarist aggression was all a mistake, and that true Japan had now come into her own only too eager for peace and goodwill—when militarists went underground to plan the next war. Shigemitsu's pretty words suggest that the day is not far off."—Reuter.

Congress Programme For City Muslims

The significance of the constructive programme of the Congress was explained to a Muslim audience at a meeting of the All-India Muslim Majlis (Bombay Branch) held at its premises at Rippon Road on Saturday. Ways and means of popularising the programme among the city Muslims were also discussed.

Mr. N. Abassi who presided said that conditions in the country demanded relief for certain classes of people, and for that constructive work among the people was necessary.

Mr. Adam Adil explained in detail the programme which included the liquidation of illiteracy and removal of poverty and unemployment from the masses.

KONIEV TRYING TO LINK UP WITH ZHUKOV

ALL-OUT AERIAL WAR ON ENEMY PLANNED

Mammoth Tank Armies And Tens Of Thousands Of Guns And Aircraft Fleets Massed

FROM REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

MOSCOW, Sunday.

Marshal Koniev is co-ordinating up to the hilt with Marshal Zhukov in the destruction of the German "bolt" on the Oder barring Red Army's path to Berlin.

HIS TROOPS ARE MANOEUVRING BOLDLY, AND WITH A MASSIVE WEIGHT OF TANKS AND GUNS ON THE SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO THE GERMAN CAPITAL, THEY ARE DRIVING TO CRACK THE GERMAN FLANK, SO THAT MARSHAL ZHUKOV CAN REPEAT THE WARSAW OPERATION AND HAMMER THROUGH TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY. THE ODER BEND TRIANGLE FORMED BY THE CITIES OF BRUNBERG (WHICH IS ALREADY IN THE RED ARMY HANDS) CROSSEN AND GUPEN HAS BECOME AN ARENA OF SAVAGE TANK AND INFANTRY BATTLES WHICH ARE RAPIDLY TURNING AGAINST THE GERMANS.

The final clean-up of the southern bank of the Oder over the whole stretch from Frankfurt is near, and with it Berlin will be exposed to attack from two vital directions, east and south-east with the possibility of a thrust developing from the north-east at any time.

HUGE TANK ARMIES MASSED

For the forthcoming assault on Berlin Marshal Stalin has massed two huge tank armies, either of which could try conclusions with the biggest Panzer force the Germans can now assemble on the central front. He has gathered tens of thousands of guns and great fleets of Soviet aircraft are waiting only for a favourable turn in the weather to switch the full force of an all-out aerial war on the Germans.

German efforts to conquer the Red Army's "Capture Berlin" plans are so far aimed at checking Marshal Koniev by a push on the flank and holding Zhukov with the aid of Oder fortified zone. But Marshal Koniev is using such powerful Panzer and artillery formations that he has been able to brush off these attacks so far, while the value of the Oder line will soon be entirely neutralized if the Soviet push from the south-east can break through to the area of Frankfurt.

Koniev's forces are moving up to the River Neisse in strength after gaining ground in four key sectors of the trans-Oder springboard. In the past 24 hours, 5 more permanent crossings of the rivers Bober and Queis have been established.

BRESLAU'S DEFENCE BROKEN INTO

The "Red Star" reported today that Russian assault troops have broken into the inner defence around Breslau on several sectors.

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent With the First Canadian Army inside Germany, Feb. 18).

The Siegfried Line fortress town of Goch is under growing Allied threat, today. All roads except one leading from this stronghold have either been cut or are under heavy direct fire from British and Canadian guns.

BERLIN, Feb. 18: To-day's German communique said that strong Russian pressure north of Ratibor as well as between Strenlen and Kanth continues. Russians again attacked on the front between Lauban and Crossen on the Oder. Russians are attacking south and south-west of the Breslau fortress. In Tuchele, Heide and west of the Graudenz in the Polish corridor German troops put up stiff resistance against Russian breakthrough attempts.

RED PUSH ON GOCH.

In the west the Allies shifted the centre of their attack to the southern part of Reichwald and pushed on to the town of Goch from the west after hard fighting. The Seventh Army yesterday attacked a German bridgehead south of Saarbrucken and fighting is continuing.

BIGGEST BATTLE ALONG ODER FRONT

MOSCOW, Feb. 17.

From Reuter's special correspondent:—

One of the war's biggest battles is raging along Marshal Koniev's 200 miles front west of the Oder with Berlin, Dresden and the heart of Germany threatened by thousands of tanks, guns and planes.

The Neisse River Line, the last barrier before the industrial district south of Berlin, has been breached at several points and it is believed that Marshal Koniev's troops have begun to storm across it.

This is a battle line where the German salients have ceased to matter. The important thing is that the Red Army can get enough armour up to smash counter-attacks. Panzer crews, infantry, Volkssturm—all have been ordered to stop the Red Army and formations up to 80 tanks are hitting out. But the Soviet advance continues.

FORCES OF TWO MARSHALS ALMOST LINKED UP

A frontline dispatch says that Marshal Koniev is closing in a line that will bring his troops behind Frankfurt and between this Oder Bastion and Berlin. Soviet commentators said to-day that the forces of the two Marshals had almost linked up. It is not yet confirmed that they have actually met. The battle for encircled Breslau is raging at full blast. Soviet guns are thundering against its fortifications from four sides. The thickest German defences are being battered to pieces and Marshal Koniev's men have apparently smashed through at one point. In Hungary many villages have been captured and the roar of artillery continues incessantly day and night", says a report.—Reuter.

SIEGFRIED DEFENCE BELT CUT

Good Allied Progress South-East Of Cleve

S.H.A.E.F., Feb. 18.

General Eisenhower's 'communique' today says: "South-east of Cleve Allied advance has made good progress against stiff opposition. After capturing Louisendorf our units cut the main road between Calcar and Goch, the bastion towns in the Siegfried defence belt. We are converging on Goch from the north and north-west having taken Hervorst and Asperden.

"Our bridgehead over the Niers river has been further extended and after clearing the enemy from numerous concrete strong points, we captured Hassum and Allerden. The bridgehead across the Sauer river at this point is now three and a half miles in depth. Along the Echternach—Irrel road, we have made a half mile gain and occupied a high ground two and one-fourth miles north-east of Echternach overlooking the Pruem river.

FUTURE OF JAPAN'S PACIFIC ISLANDS

Plea For U. S. Trusteeship

NEW YORK, Feb. 18: A suggestion that the Pacific Islands formerly a mandate to Japan, should be annexed to the United States as a trustee for unity is made in a letter from seven prominent Americans headed by Mr. Sumner Welles and Mr. John W. Davis in the "New York Times." It also calls for a declaration on the subject of annexation of mandated territories by American and other Governments.

The letter recalls a speech by the British Colonial Secretary, Colonel Oliver Stanley in New York on January 19 in which he "referred to the mandates system in the past tense and it might be inferred from his address that he favoured the abolition of this system. It seems pertinent and proper to ask whether we have correctly understood the policy of Colonel Stanley and whether he is now perhaps in favour of the annexation of mandated territories of Japan.

"Colonel Stanley quite properly outlined the remarkable achievements of Britain in the development of its colonies and proposed for the future a system of international regional advisory commissions like the Anglo-American-Caribbean commission. We support this proposal. There is nothing on the subject of mandates in the Dumbarton Oaks proposals, but presumably it has been given consideration since then, perhaps at Yalta.

"We hope this important matter will be placed on the agenda of the San Francisco Conference and that peoples of the world will be given an opportunity to express their view before any binding decisions are made."—Reuter.

Brelvi Leaves For Bombay

CALCUTTA, Feb. 17

Mr. S. A. Brelvi, President of the All-India Newspapers Editors' Conference left to-day for Bombay via Allahabad by the E.I.R. Bombay Mail.—A. P.

POONA, Feb. 18: The England XI trounced to-day the Indian XI by seven goals to one in the first round of the local International Football Tournament organised by the Army Welfare authorities.

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A. I. W. C. BUREAU OF INFORMATION

BOMBAY, Feb. 17.

A Bureau of Information, Research and Publicity is being created by the Central Office of the All-India Women's Conference, Bombay for collecting information on all questions regarding women.

The Bureau which is probably the first of its kind in India, will investigate and collect facts and figures on matters pertaining to women, such as literacy and education, health, labour, problems of employment, etc., for information and appropriate action. At present, data is being sought on women employed in Government services, in business, in the academic line and in professions. It is hoped to find out the number of women thus employed, the scope which already exists for them, and its potentialities.

The Central Office will continue the publication of tracts which deal with topics of current importance, for the information of its members and the public in general. Two tracts have been already issued "Milk and Food" by Srimati Kamaladevi, President, of the All-India Women's Conference, and "Women in Mines" by Shrimati Renuka Ray, M.L.A. In the press and due out very shortly is a tract by Mrs. Shiva Rao on "The Draft Hindu Code," to be followed by one on "Civil Liberties" by Mrs. Hansa Mehta.—United Press.

SHOLAPUR JUDGE'S STRICTURES ON POLICE

"Public Co-operation Needed To Enforce D. I. R."

SHOLAPUR, Feb. 17.

"Enforcement of the Defence of India Rules is vital to the public interest. But they cannot be enforced without the co operation of the public, and the public will co operate, if they see that the Rules are made for their good, observed the District and Sessions Judge, Sholapur, while acquitting in appeal Mr. V. K. Rajgaonkar from Karmala, who was sentenced to a day's imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 500 under the Defence of India Rules in a lower court for refusing to sell jowar.

Continuing the Judge observed: "Now these Rules give very wide powers to police officers to act on information gained either by themselves or from private individuals. This means that they provide a considerable scope to dishonest officers and unscrupulous private persons to play mischief and harass and blackmail the members of the public. Such an abuse is obviously calculated to antagonise the public and make the Rules themselves unpopular".—United Press.

Untouchability Must Be Made Cognisable Offence

DEPRESSED CLASSES' MEMORANDUM TO SAPRU CONCILIATION COMMITTEE

NAGPUR, Feb 17.

In the course of a memorandum to the Sapru Conciliation Committee, Mr. Jagjiwan Ram, M.L.A., Bihar and Mr. H. J. Khandekar, M. L. A. C. P. President and Working President respectively of the All-India Depressed Classes League urge that all citizens should be treated equally before law and all persons enjoy equal civic rights freedom of association, press and platform and that these rights should neither be dependent upon nor restricted by practical, and there shall be religious freedom. They also urge that organisation of economic life must correspond to principles of justice and designed to ensure for all life worthy of human being. They further urge that there shall be no state religion. The League recommends reservations of seats in Legislatures Executives of Governments and services for various communities according to the proportion of population and opines that at least 25 per cent seats reserved in all legislatures for any community should be reserved for women.

In local bodies they state there should be similar reservation but executive posts should be held by rotation among several communities.

The League further suggests that there should be an independent Minorities Commission to deal with those rights which are not enforceable by court of law in the Centre and in the Provinces. The Commission should make recommendations making observance of untouchability a public place a cognisable offence and direct that it should not be obligatory on any person by reason of his birth in a particular caste to perform certain social, religious or public functions. The Commission should also engage itself in economic uplift of the Depressed Classes in proportion to population.

The League further favours a clear demarcation of functions of the Centre and the Provincial Units and urges that subjects vitally necessary for the Union such as foreign affairs defence, commerce and communication should belong to the Centre. Residuary powers should vest with the units. The League favours the right of cessation being given to units, provided a resolution to this effect is passed by a two-thirds majority in a plebiscite in which all persons qualified for election of members to the Legislature of the unit participate. While favouring joint electorates, the League suggests that the Depressed Class candidates should not be declared elected even if he tops the poll, unless he secures 5 per cent. of the total Scheduled Caste votes polled.

BHORE COMMITTEE TO REPORT IN MARCH

NEW DELHI Feb. 17: The "United Press" learns that the Bhore Committee on Public Health will submit its final report to the Government of India next month.

The Committee having concluded the recording of evidence with an examination by a Russian expert this week is now preparing its report and it is learnt individual members have undertaken to submit their report on different chapters.

The Committee laboured for seventeen months.—United Press.

League Leaders In Karachi

KARACHI, Feb. 18: Chaudhuri Khaliquzzaman, Nawab Mohammed Ismail and Qazi Mohammed Isa arrived in Karachi today to review the present political situation in Sind on behalf of the Muslim League High Command. They are expected to stay here for about a week and will be the guests of Mr. G. M. Syed, President of the Sind Provincial Muslim League.—A. P.

HINDU MINISTER FOR SIND CABINET

Right Of Selection Must Be Conceded, Says Nichaldas

KARACHI, Feb. 17.

Mr. Nichaldas Vazirani Leader of the Hindu Independent Party in the Sind Assembly, in a statement reiterates the demand that if the Leader of the Muslim League Assembly Party wants the co-operation of the Hindu Party he must concede the right of selecting their own representatives in the Cabinet.

He says: "Mr. M. A Jinnah himself is definitely of the view that this right of the Hindu Party should be conceded. The Sind Provincial Muslim League has through its President also been publicly insisting upon Sir Ghulam Hussain to recognise that right, but Sir Ghulam Hussain has so far been adamant and will no doubt remain so as long as he feels he can do without the support of the Hindu Party as such and can still further divide my party by winning over some more members on personal considerations."

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4. LALA KAILASPAT SINGHANIA. Merchant, Kamla Tower, Cawnpore. Director of:—Juggilal Kamlapat Cotton Spinning and Weaving Mills Co., Ltd.; Juggilal Kamlapat Jute Mills Co., Ltd, Calcutta; Juggilal Kamlapat Iron and Steel Co., Ltd.; Lakshmiratan Cotton Mills Co., Ltd; Straw Products Ltd., Bhopal; The Plastic Products Ltd.; J. K. Rampur Ltd.; The Aluminium Corporation of India Ltd.; J. K. Ltd., (Arrah); The Snowwhite Food Products Ltd., J. K. Food Products Rampur. J. K. Glass Plant Manufacturing Co. (Rampur) Ltd.; J. K. Investment Trust Ltd.,—J. K. Cotton Manufacturers Ltd.,—Juggilal Kamlapat Properties Ltd.
5. LALA SANKAR LALL. Merchant, Shankar Niwas, 20, Curzon Road, New Delhi. Director of:—Bewanwara Collieries Ltd., Calcutta; Messrs. Modan Mohan Lall Sri Ram & Co., Ltd., New Delhi.; The Punjab National Bank Ltd.;—The Delhi Flying Club, New Delhi.—Partner in:—Messrs. Shankar Lall Bharati Ram & Co., Ltd., as Agents of the Delhi Cloth & General Mills Co., Ltd.; U. P. Industrial Financing Corporation Ltd., Lucknow. Director of:—The Hindustan Commercial Bank Ltd., Cawnpore; The Indian Trade and General Insurance Co., Ltd., General Assurance Society, Ltd., Calcutta.
6. LALA KARAMCHAND THAPAR, Merchant, 5, Royal Exchange Place, Calcutta. Director of:—The Mahabir Insurance Co., Ltd.; M. D. Oriental Coal Co., Ltd.; Dooria Sugar Mills Ltd.; Dry Ice and Refrigerators Ltd.; Shree Sitaram Sugar Mills Ltd.; Bharat Starch and Chemicals Ltd.; Karam Chand Thapar and Sons Ltd.; Roal Jambad Coal Co., Ltd.; Jay Engineering Works Ltd.; Indian Sugar Syndicate Ltd.; Calcutta Credit Corporation Ltd.; Orient Commercial Co., Ltd.; Indian City Properties Ltd.; Modern Agencies Ltd.; Rawanwara Collieries Ltd.; Eastern Syndicate Ltd.; Kasta and Behar Collieries Ltd.; Indian Medical Supply Laboratory Ltd.; Karamchand Thapar and Brothers Ltd.; Northern India Building and Engineering Co., Ltd.; The Insulcrete Company of India Ltd.; Standard Refinery and Distillery Ltd.; The National Investment Trust Ltd.; The National Security Assurance Co., Ltd.; Shree Gopal Paper Mills Ltd.; Ganges Fibre-Boards Manufacturers Co., Ltd.; Karamchand Thapar & Brothers (J. & K.) Ltd.; Karamchand Thapar Sri Yuvaraj Sugar Mills Ltd.; Produce Exchange Corporation Ltd.; Jharia & Raniganga Collieries Ltd.; Karamchand Thapar & Brothers (Coal Sales) Ltd.; Hindustan Commercial Bank Ltd.; Indian Trade and General Insurance Co., Ltd.; Mohini Sugar Mills Ltd.
7. BABU VISHNU PRASAD BHADANI,—Merchant, Gaya. Director of:—Gaya Sugar Mills Ltd.; Bhadani Brothers Ltd., Calcutta.

AUDITORS.

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Messrs. M. SOHANLAL, Share Brokers, 7, Lyons Range, CALCUTTA

REGISTERED OFFICE

15, CLIVE STREET, CALCUTTA.

PROSPECTUS

OBJECTS OF THE COMPANY.

The Company has been formed with the objects set out in the Memorandum of Association and in particular to carry on the business of manufacturers of glass and other allied products.

The Company was incorporated on the 14th November, 1941, with an authorized capital of Rs. 6,00,000, of which Rs. 5,11,670 is paid up as stated above. Shortly after its incorporation the Company acquired a going glass factory, situate at Sodepore near Calcutta one of the largest of its kind in India. The Company has since then equipped the factory with the equipment for the manufacture of sheet, glass and has been since over a year manufacturing sheets glass also which so far is being manufactured by only two other factories in India. The Company since its inception has paid good dividend. The Company is one of the biggest glass factories in India but is unable to meet the demands of its customers.

The Company now proposes, after the termination of the war or earlier if possible, to erect a glass factory at Ramgarh in the district of Hazaribagh in Bihar for the manufacture of various kinds of glass such as plate glass, windew glass, wired glass, ornamented glass, mirror glass, ribbed glass, etc., and also other allied glass products such as glass cloth, glass wool, cut glass, etc.

The main raw materials required for the manufacture of glass are coal, silica, sand and quartz, limestone and soda ash. All the raw materials except soda ash will be available at the site and at a very cheap rate. Soda ash used to be imported in large quantities prior to the war, is now produced in India also in considerable quantities. There will be no difficulty in getting the necessary amount of soda ash after the war either by import or by purchases from the local factories. The factory will be situated near the railway station. There is a good motorable road passing through Ramgarh and both the East Indian Railway and Bengal Nagpur Railway have their stations near about. Ramgarh is only about 180 miles from Calcutta and there will be enough transport facilities and also other facilities to get soda ash and other materials. In the opinion of the Directors, Ramgarh is a very suitable place in India for the erection of a glass factory. Most of the glass factories in India are at present situated more with a view to availability of markets than to proximity to supplies of raw materials with the result that the costs of their production are very high. In the year 1926 the Government of Bihar appointed the Chemical Industries Committee and this Committee has recommended that Bihar is a very suitable place for glass industry. It has gone so far as to say that if the industry is started at the coal-fields in Bihar there is good chance of competing successfully with Japan.

The glass industry in India has been steadily growing since some years prior to the war. The value of imports in India of all kinds of glassware came to about Rupees two crores and fifty-three lakhs in 1926-27, it decreased to one crore and sixty-five lakhs in 1931 and in 1938-39 the value of the imports came up only to Rupees one crore and twenty-five thousand. On the other hand productions of Indian factories have been steadily increasing. India has also been exporting some kinds of glass even to foreign countries. The war has given a fillip to this industry also and with the various post-war reconstruction programmes for the industrialisation of India and for raising the standard of living of the people the demand for all kinds of glass and specially of the several types the Company proposes to manufacture will steadily increase.

There is at present no factory worth the name producing the several types of better quality glass which are very costly to import also. The Company therefore will have the unique chance of meeting this demand.

The Company proposes to have an up-to-date factory with the latest equipments and sufficiently large to produce the best type of glasses at a low cost and in fairly big quantities.

The Directors are confident that the factory to be erected at Ramgarh will be yielding profits shortly after it starts working and the Directors will be in a position to declare dividend on the present issue of the shares also not long after the proposed factory at Ramgarh starts working.

RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFERS.

There are no restrictions on transfers of the shares save and except that the Directors without assigning any reason may decline to register any transfer of shares not fully paid-up or of shares on which the Company has a lien or to a person not approved by them.

MANAGING AGENTS' REMUNERATION

Messrs. Bhadani Brothers Ltd. of 15, Clive Street, Calcutta, are the first Managing Agents of the Company since the commencement of the Company and they are to hold office for a period of twenty years from the date of incorporation of the Company. The remuneration of the Managing Agents is a fixed office allowance at the rate of Rs. 1,500 per month and a commission at the rate of 10 per cent on the net annual profits of the Company as defined by Section 87-C of the Indian Companies Act provided that should the commission payable to the Managing Agents in any one year be less than the sum of Rs. 10,000 the Managing Agents shall notwithstanding be paid a minimum commission of Rs. 10,000 in lieu of actual commission calculated as aforesaid.

DIRECTORS' QUALIFICATION AND REMUNERATION

The qualification for a Director is the holding of shares of the Company of any kind of the value of Rs. 12,500. The remuneration of a Director is at the rate not exceeding the sum of Rs. 100 for each meeting of the Directors at which he shall be present as may from time to time be decided by the Directors. At present a sum of Rs. 32 per meeting is payable to the Directors.

If any Director being willing shall be called upon to perform extra services or to give special attention to the business of the Company, the Company may remunerate such Director either by a fixed sum or by a percentage of the profits or otherwise as may be determined.

DIRECTORS' INTEREST

Rai Bahadur Ram Chand Ram, Lala Gurusharan Lal and Babu Vishnu Prasad Bhadani are also Directors of Messrs. Bhadani Brothers Ltd., the Managing Agents of the Company, and as such are interested in the remuneration payable to the Managing Agents.

UNDERWRITERS AND THEIR COMMISSION.

The shares now offered for public subscription have been underwritten for a commission at the rate of Re. 1 per Preference Share and 4 annas per "A" Ordinary Share on the amount thereof by Messrs. M. Sohanlal, Share and Stock Brokers of Calcutta, who in the opinion of the Directors are parties with sufficient resources to discharge their underwriting obligations. The aforesaid underwriting commission is payable by the Company.

BROKERAGE.

Will be paid at the rate of Re. 1 per Preference Share and 4 annas per "A" Ordinary share on the amount thereof in respect of accepted applications received by the Company through registered brokers. A brokerage to the extent of Rs. 747-8-0 on the entire Ordinary Shares sold and to the extent of Rs. 800 on Debentures worth Rs. 2,00,000 has been paid within the two preceding years.

INSPECTION.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company can be inspected at the Registered Office of the Company during office hours.

APPLICATION FOR SHARES.

Application for shares should be made on the accompanying form and forwarded together with requisite application money which should be paid to the Managing Agents at the Registered Office of the Company. In case no shares are allotted the whole of the application money will be refunded and if a lesser number of shares are allotted the excess will be utilised for payment of the amount of allotment money and if any excess is still left it will be refunded.

A report by the Auditors of the Company with respect to the profits of the Company so far as the information is available in each of the two financial years immediately preceding the issue of the Prospectus and with respect to the rates of dividends paid by the Company on each class of shares in the Company for each of the said two years giving particulars of each such class on such dividends have been paid and the source from which the dividends have been paid and the particulars of the cases in which no dividends have been paid on any class of shares for any of these years is annexed hereto.

No amount has at any time been paid to any promoters either in cash or in shares.

Calcutta, dated this 30th day of January, 1945.

(Sd.) RAI BAHADUR RAMCHAND RAM.
(Sd.) LALA GURUSHARAN LAL.
(Sd.) LALA KARAMCHAND THAPAR
(Sd.) RAMESHWARLAL NOPANI.
(Sd.) LALA SHANKARLAL
(Sd.) BABU VISHNU PRASAD BHADANI.
(Sd.) LALA KAILASHPAT SINGHANIA

by his Authorised Agent, LALA G. S. LAL.

Messrs. SODEPORE GLASS WORKS LIMITED, CALCUTTA.

STATEMENT OF PROFITS AND DIVIDENDS (See Sections 93 (1A) and 93 (1B) of the Indian Companies, Act.)

1 Year ending.	2 Total sale proceeds including other revenue income and closing stocks.	3 Total charges and expenses including raw materials and depreciation.	4 Net Profits (2-3).	5 Amount appropriated out of Net Profits for payment of dividend.
	Rs. a.p.	Rs. a.p.	Rs. a.p.	Rs. a.p.
31-12-1942	6,69,373-9-0	6,31,271-1-11	38,101- 7-1*	26,127- 8- 0.
31-12-1943	13,05,495-0-0	12,32,529-5-3	72,965-10-9*	Nil

*In the year ending 31-12-1943 a sum of Rs. 11,915-5-1 has been apportioned out of these accumulated net profits as additional depreciation for the period ending 31-12-1942.

6 DIVIDEND DECLARED.

Class of shares	Number of shares	Fully or partly paid up	Total paid up value of shares	Rate of dividend	Total amount of dividend.
			Rs. a.p.		Rs. a.p.
Ordinary	24,970	Fully paid up	2,49,700-0-0	7 7/8 per cent (free of Income-tax)	19,663-14-0
Ordinary	2,500	Partly paid up	12,500-0-0	Nil	Nil
Deferred	34,470	Fully paid up	34,470-0-0	18 3/4 per cent (free of Income-tax)	6,463- 2-0
Deferred	2,500	Partly paid up	1,250-0-0	Nil	Nil
Ordinary	27,470	Fully paid up	2,74,700-0-0	Nil	Nil
Deferred	36,970	Fully paid up	36,970-0-0	Nil	Nil

We beg to report that the above statement of profits earned and dividend declared by Messrs. Sodepore Glass Works Limited, Calcutta, for the respective years mentioned therein is correct according to the best of our information and explanations given to us and as shown by the accounts of the Company.

CAWNPORE, (Sd.) S. VAISH & CO.
Dated 27th November, 1944. Registered Accountants, Auditors.

APPLICATION FOR SHARES

To THE DIRECTORS,
SODEPORE GLASS WORKS LIMITED, 15, CLIVE STREET, CALCUTTA.

GENTLEMEN,

I hereby request you to allot to me .... "A" Ordinary/Preference Shares of Rs. 10/Rs. 100 each in the above named Company and I agree to accept such shares or any smaller number you may allot to me, subject to the provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association. I send herewith the sum of Rs. .....being a deposit of Rs. ..... per share, and I agree to pay the balance as and when it may be called up and I authorise you to place my name on the register of members in respect of shares so allotted.

Usual Signature .....
Name in Full .....
Occupation .....
Address.....
Dated.....

SODEPORE GLASS WORKS LIMITED

15, CLIVE STREET, CALCUTTA.

Receipt for payment made on application.

(To be retained by applicant.)

Received this .....day of.....19 . from Mr. ..... the sum of Rupees .... being a deposit of Rs. ..... per share payable on application for shares of Rs..... each in the above named company.

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Theme Of People's Theatre Play At Bhangwadi Theatre

"ZUBAIDAH", the People's Theatre's Hindustani play by K. A. Abbas, to be staged on Tuesday the 20th instant at Bhangwadi Theatre, Kalbadevi Road, is unique for two reasons.

Firstly, it is based on a real life story—the sacrifice of a patriotic Muslim woman who discarded purdah to serve her people who were suffering from famine and epidemic and who died while doing her duty. Her funeral procession was an occasion for uniting the people of the town—Hindus and Muslims—all of whom paid homage to her memory.

By taking a theme like this the People's Theatre has justified its claim of seeking inspiration from LIFE.

Added to this lofty and dramatic theme, the author has created a number of living characters and brought out all the essential humour and humanity as well as the prejudices and conservatism of a small Indian town.

The second peculiarity of "ZUBAIDAH" is the novel method of stage-presentation adopted by the director, Balraj Sahni, who has blended realism with imaginative use of stagecraft.

The big cast of the play includes Uzra Mumtaz (who was formerly associated with Uday Shankar's dance troupe), Chetan Anand, Damyanti Sahni, Khan, Randhir, Leela, Hameed Butt, Naidu, etc., all of whom have won quite an enviable reputation for themselves after the previous shows of the play.

Tickets may be had in advance either at the theatre or (in the afternoon) at the office of the Peoples Theatre, School of Indian Music, French Bridge, opposite Opera House (Rates: Rs. 10, 5, 2-8, 1-4, 10 annas.)

ZENANA SHOWS

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Hindu: Falgun Shud 7, 2001.
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Sunrise: 6-6 a.m. Sunset: 7-41 p.m.
Highest: 8-8d. 18 46.
Lowest: 12-0d. 24 0d.

To-day's Engagements

COMPULSORY EDUCATION DRIVE: Mass meeting to-day (Monday), at Sari Bazar, opposite Bad. Masjid, Lapon Road, Madanpura in Urdu, at 8-30 p.m.

GITA KENDRA (MATUNGA): Discourse on "Gita" by T. A. Venkateswara Dikshitar, to-day (Monday) and to-morrow, at 9 p.m., at Asthika Samaj Hall, Matunga.

"RELIGIONS AND RELIGION": To-day (Monday), at 6-15 p.m., at Mazagaon Temple Hall, opp. Churchgate Station, Prof. P. A. Wadia, public lecture on "Religions and Religion".

GIRGAUM CONGRESS COMMITTEE. The Managing Council of the above Congress Committee at its meeting held on 16th February, 1945, co-opted Sjt. Adam Adil as its member and also Sjt. Shantilanar Karanje and Smt. Kamal Kamat as temporary members of the Council in places of Sjt. G. G. Mehta and Smt. Usha Mehta, who are in jail.

The office of the Committee is shifted from Kahan Bhuvan to Bhaichandra Building, 1st, Shetter Road, Girgaum Road, Bombay. The office time will be 5 to 9 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. (N. S. T.).

RAILWAYMEN'S DEMANDS. A meeting of 2,000 Railwaymen was held on the Workshop gates on Thursday, under the Presidentship of Com. J. Benjamin and passed the following resolution unanimously:—

This meeting fully supports the A. I. R. Federation's demand to increase the present dearness allowance to Rs. 40 to cancel revised scales of pay and to fix Rs. 36 as basic pay, and wants to bring home to the Railway Board and Government of India, that their failure or dilatory tactics in conceding these just and reasonable demands of the workers will cause great hardship and resentment and is likely to interfere with the successful prosecution of the war.

Students' Union's Matriculation Classes

Sjt. Shanti Shah (Gen. Sec.) B. S. U. writes:—

The Bombay Students' Union (42, Kennedy Bridge) is conducting 'preparatory classes' for matriculation students in the Union High School Hall from 17th February. The classes will be conducted by the following eminent teachers. Mr. Kapadia (G. T. High School), Mr. Karandikar (Modern High School) Mr. Waikar (Chandaramji High School) and others. The students desirous of availing of this opportunity should register their names at the office of the Union on Sunday, between 6 and 8 p.m. Failing that they should come to the Union High School Hall, at 6 o'clock on Monday.

LOCAL BODIES' DEMANDS

As many as 70 resolutions were tabled for deliberation at Sunday's session of the Provincial Conference of local bodies, Mr. L. M. Patil, ex-Minister to the Government of Bombay, presided.

The resolutions embraced almost all aspects coming within the purview of local self-government institutions. They were broadly linked together under the titles Municipal, Village Panchayat, Educational, General and Local Board sections.

A resolution requesting Government to give grants to local bodies so as to enable them to sanction adequate dearness or war allowance to their staff was moved by Dewan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri and passed.

A resolution moved by Mr Patil ascertaining the right of local bodies to collect Octroi or terminal tax was also passed.

Another resolution protested against Government's orders authorising the electric companies to levy a surcharge of 33 1/3 p.c. on the cost of electric charges.

Passages For South African Indians

South African Indians desirous of returning to South Africa are advised to register themselves immediately with the Commonwealth Relations Department of the Government of India as well as the Foreign Passenger Agents Association, Bombay.

South African Indians, who came to India on short visits after May 1, 1942, were issued identity certificates valid for three years. Since the Union Government have refused to extend the period during which the identity certificates would be valid, it is necessary for the visitors to return to the Union before their certificates become invalid.

A large number of South African Indians it has been represented to Government, are unable to return to South Africa before the due date on account of lack of passages available from India to South Africa. In order to enable Government to explore possibilities of making the necessary shipping available, the South African Indians have been asked to register themselves giving their age, reasons for non-return to South Africa, if any, class of passage required, name of persons who will pay the passage money, name of private shipping agents if any, and the date on which the certificate of identity expires.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

BOMBAY—1

MONDAY, Feb. 19.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s) 8-0 a.m. News (H) 8-15 News (E) 8-30 Girijabai Kelekar 8-45 Ek Dhun 8-50 News (M) 9-0 News (G) 9-10 Tomorrow 9-15 Sneh Chand 9-30 Marathi Pad 12-30 p.m Hindustani Songs 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 News (H) 1-0 For Women (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Music 4-20 School Broadcast 5-0 Shankarrao Mohite 5-30 M S Bhagwat 5-45 Topical Talk 5-55 Locals 6-0 At Six (G) 6-30 News (E) 6-40 News (H) 6-45 News Commentary (M) 6-50 Sumati Trikekar 7-0 Uddhottar Punarchana (G) 7-15 Shankarrao Mohite 7-45 Music from Film 8-0 Sheikh Chand 8-15 News (M) 8-30 News (G) 8-45 M S Bhagwat 9-0 News (H) 9-20 News (E) 9-30 B B C News 9-45 Sports 9-20 B B C shd 1 55 FB00HTN N1 Review (E) 10-0 Sheikh Chand 10-15 Sumati Trikekar 10-30 Girijabai Kelekar.

CITY'S SANITATION ... SLOWLY IMPROVING

Physical Health Week Celebration At Gowalia Tank

BOMBAY, Sunday

That India must become independent and then only can she come to the same level as England and Russia, was stressed by Mr. Nagindas T. Master, Mayor of Bombay, presiding over the Health and Physical Week held by the Training Institute for Physical Education at the Gowalia Tank Ground on Saturday evening.

There was an attractive entertainment arranged which was thoroughly enjoyed by the gathering. The programme consisted of a play which was performed by the children of the Primary Municipal Schools. Other items included a variety of demonstrations by the T. I. P. E. students.

Mr. P. M. Joseph, Principal of the Institution passing a few remarks on the occasion said that nationally our country is very backward as far as health is concerned although regarding sanitation our city is gradually improving. Further, he said that the Congress Ministry in 1938 started a Physical Culture Institution at Kandivli which has produced good results.

The General Secretary of the Health and Physical Education Week, Mr. H. M. Patil, reading his report said the aim of this week is to make ourselves and others Health and Fitness conscious. The pupil-teachers undergoing their training at the Institute are the 'Torch-bearers of the Physical Education and Missionaries of Health.'

QUIT ORDER ON SUNNI LEADERS

LUCKNOW Feb. 18: A 'quit' order has been served on four Sunni leaders of Lucknow. This forms part of the precautionary measures taken by the District authorities to ensure peaceful celebrations of Barawafat.

The four leaders are: Maulana Kalimullah Secretary, Tahaffuz-i-Namoos-i-Sahaba, Maulana Hafarol Mulk, Secretary, Madh-e-Sahaba Committee; and Mr. Nazir Ahmad and Mr. Musharraf Husain, Municipal Commissioners. They have been asked to leave the city immediately and not to stay in any part of Oudh or in Cawnpore for a period of one month.—A. P.

URDU CONFERENCE AND 'MUSHAIRA'

An Urdu Conference and Mushaira will be held at Saboo Siddik Institute, Sheph rd Ford Byculla, on February 23rd, 24th and 25th under the auspices of the Anjuman-i-Taraqqi-i-Urdu Bombay. Dr. Maulvi Abdul Haq will preside and the following poets will participate; Jigar, Hasrat Mohani, Josh Saghar, Ihsan Danish, Hafiz Jalandhari. Tickets (Rs 25/- and Rs. 10/-) are available at Pearline (Paris), Rehman Building, Churchgate Street, Fort.

MYSORE GOES TO POLLS

BANGALORE Feb. 18.

Mysore went to polls yesterday to elect 342 members to the new Houses of Legislature, 44 to the Upper House and 298 to the Lower House. 78 nominees—15 to the Upper House and 63 to the Lower House—have been returned unopposed.

Voting was dull throughout the day. Of nearly 53,000 voters in the Bangalore city only one-third went to polls.

The Press was well represented. Six journalists stood for election, prominent among them being Mr. T. Narayana editor of the "Mysore Patrika", a vernacular daily.—United Press.

ANEY WINS PRIZE

COLOMBO, February 18: Mr. M. S. Aney, Government of India's Representative in Ceylon was awarded a twenty-rupee prize for his home garden at a prize distribution in connection with the Nation (A. R. P.) Food Campaign, at the Milagiriya Hall on Saturday evening.—A. P.

Madras University Course In 'Household Art'

MADRAS, Feb. 17

The Academic Council, Madras University, at its meeting held under the presidency of the Vice-Chancellor, approved the proposal to start courses in Aeronautical and highway engineering from the beginning of the coming academic year.

The Council adopted a scheme framed to study "Household Art" as an optional subject in connection with intermediate course and decided to institute the course also from the beginning of the next academic year.—United Press

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Friends and admirers of Mr. Jayasukhlal K. Mehta, recently decided to present him a Purse in recognition of his valuable and continued services to Indian trade, commerce and industry. A Committee was appointed for the purpose under the Chairmanship of Seth Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee and a sum of over Rs. 1,25,000 has been collected. The presentation function will take place on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at 5-15 p.m. (S. T.), at the Taj Mahal Hotel; Seth Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, Chairman of the Purse Fund Committee will preside. Leading and representative men drawn particularly from the commercial and industrial life of Bombay will be present. The gathering will be addressed, among others, by Mr. M. A. Master, Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, Sir H. P. Mody, Mr. J. C. Setalvad, Mr. Behram N. Karanjia, Sir Chunilal B. Mehta, Mr. Fazal Ibrahim Rahimtoola, Mr. Haridas Madhavdas and Mr. Mathuradas Canji Matani.

MEYER MILL WORKERS' PHYSICAL INSTITUTE.

The annual celebration of the Meyer Mill Workers' was held at the Meyer Mills, Fergusson Road, Worli, on Friday, when Sir Victor Sassoon and Sir Frederick Stones were present. Keen interest was evidenced by the guests in the physical feats and wrestling bouts played on the occasion. The organisers expressed gratitude for the donation of Rs. 550 made by Sir Victor Sassoon to the Institute.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Live your life while you have it. Life is a splendid gift; there is nothing small about it; but to live your life, you must discipline it.

—Florence Nightingale.

The Bombay Chronicle

INDIA ON THE MARCH

It was a most spirited speech, indeed, that Sir Muhammad Zafrullah Khan made at the Commonwealth Relations Conference in London. It may be that the best parts of the speech have been censored but what has been reported contains many stirring lines. The conscience of the world is sure to be stirred by his question:

> "Statesmen of the Commonwealth, does it not strike you as an irony of the first magnitude that India should have two and a half million men in the field fighting and struggling to preserve the liberty of the nations of the Commonwealth and yet should be a suppliant for her own freedom?"

It is not an appeal to Britain. It is rather an exposure of Britain's unfairness and ungratefulness. Sir Muhammad adds a warning too, when he says: "India is on the march. You may help her or you may hinder her but none shall stop her. India shall be free within the Commonwealth if you will let her and accord her the position which is her due, but without the Commonwealth if you leave her no alternative." Not many Indians will accept membership of the Commonwealth unless its implications are radically altered. But it should be clear to the commonest observer that whether after the war India will remain a friend or foe of Britain will depend upon Britain's policy towards her in the immediate future.

In 1942 Britain made a terrible blunder by declaring war on the Congress. In consequence both Britain and India have suffered and lost much. With more pain than anger Gandhiji says in his latest statement: "In the August of 1942 instead of needlessly precipitating a quarrel with the people if authority had listened to the pleading of the Congress India would have enjoyed independence and the war would have already ended with honour for the Allies and happiness for the suppressed people of the earth." The worst of it is that Britain is still persisting in her wrong and Gandhiji has reason to fear that "victory won at the expense of India will mean that out of the ashes of Fascism Nazism and Japanese militarism will have risen a new monster that will seek to eat all it sees and in the attempt will be eaten up leaving I know not what."

Fears like these are in the minds of many others all over the world. And we have no doubt that immediate freedom for India is desired by all the Allies except Britain and probably those members of the Commonwealth who expect to have a share in exploiting India. Right thinking statesmen are convinced that India, by her tradition as well as her present cult of non-violence even in the attainment of her freedom, is a mighty force working for world peace but that she can exert her full force only if she is free. Britain is intelligent enough to realise this but she prefers her self-interest first. She fears, among other things that free India will immediately develop her industries and her already narrowing market here may shrink suddenly just when she needs it most for the reconstruction necessary to repair the ravages of the war. But free India will certainly have a foreign trade and that cannot be wholly in one direction. Her trade with Britain will be greater if her freedom is conceded now than if it is delayed. However much politicians like Mr. Churchill may cling to imperialism, its days are gone. International trade can thrive only on the basis of goodwill among free countries. Immediate granting of freedom to India will naturally enlist more goodwill from her than if there is any delay. British history is full of instances of the dangers of delay. Must history repeat itself in India?

A Wise Decision

The Bihar Government has acted wisely in staying the internment order against several Congress leaders till there is clarification about the nature of the recently appointed Advisory Committee to advise on constructive work. There need never have been any doubt about the Committee's functions as similar bodies have been formed in most other provinces in accordance with a policy suggested by Gandhiji for the whole country. But the Bihar authorities foolishly misinterpreted certain sentences in the speeches of the leaders in question. It will be in the interests of all if the scope of the proposed programme is made clear to the authorities concerned. It will be well for the officials too to make the clarification an occasion for a graceful retreat from the blunder they committed.

In a statement on the Bihar ban and certain arrests in other places Gandhiji wonders why these repressive measures persist when he has clearly stated that there is no plan under the present condition to offer any form of mass civil disobedience "and when Congressmen all over the country are acting on the advice I have offered." Probably some Bihar leaders expressed the possibility of civil disobedience in some form being resumed at a future date. But Gandhiji rightly insists, "abstention even from referring to the theoretical possibility of resistance and the like cannot be forced or even made a condition of prosecuting the constructive programme." Civil resistance in some form or other may be found necessary at any time in the future. But it is certainly not wise for officials to goad men into it.

Frankly Speaking

More MacArthur Triumphs

Among Allied Generals there would, today, be no more gratified and pleased a man than General MacArthur. In May 1942 he left Bataan with the now famous word "I shall return." He returned to Luzon some weeks ago. And now he has returned to Bataan with the short but welcome announcement: "Bataan has been captured." It is a brilliant victory too. The Japs did not make the stand which MacArthur's forces did. The reconquest of Bataan did not take more than some hours. But General MacArthur has capped his victory with another welcome stroke. He has surprised the Japs on Corregidor which may well be in American hands by now. The Japs are still making a suicidal and, at the same time, inhumanly destructive fight for southern Manila reducing it systematically to rubble. But that cannot last long. And, as General MacArthur hints, the Japanese War Lords will soon find themselves confronted with more serious developments, because nearer home, with Manila and Cavite as American bases.

In For It

Meanwhile Admiral Spruance and Vice-Admiral Mitscher are subjecting them to terrible enough trials and anxieties. In his last communique Admiral Nimitz does not mention the assault on Tokyo. Possibly it is over. But when the detailed account of the two-day mass air offensive on Tokyo is published we can confidently expect to find it a story of enormous and far-reaching success for the American fleet. But while the Japanese leaders are putting out the fires in Tokyo and checking up destruction, moral as well as material, the bombardment of Iwojima has continued. This means that something more is intended by the continued bombing and shelling of the island. The Japs already say that the Americans are tempted to land but that the landing was repulsed. It may be so, in which case further naval action against Iwojima is designed to soften up its defences more decisively. We may yet hear of its successful invasion by American forces. And if the Americans established themselves in Iwojima, Tokyo is in for anxious days and sleepless nights.

Bracken's Prediction

In a recent speech Mr. Brendan Bracken, Mr. Winston Churchill's favourite lieutenant and Minister of Information has clearly suggested the possibility of the war in Europe coming to an end, at least as an organised military affair, in a couple of months. This optimism is not altogether exaggerated. The situation particularly on Hitler's eastern front justifies such hopes. There is no break in Russia's massive pressure and deterioration in the Wehrmacht's resistance. Marshal Zhukov inevitably stopped for sometime on the Oder. That brought no relief to the Germans. Before they could enjoy any breathing time, Marshal Koniev struck and making spectacular progress is racing for Berlin from the south-east while at the same time driving into Central Germany. The front further south is bound to spring into life now that Budapest has fallen. This means a race to Vienna. Meanwhile, Marshal Zhukov's front has also flared up. He is now on the Berlin side of the Oder in strength and not more than 40 miles from the Reich capital with no natural obstacle in the path.

Not Unlikely

Nor are the Germans getting any worth while respite on the western front or from the Americans and the British. General Eisenhower is now fighting along the greater part of his front inside Germany. The Germans have in the Siegfried Line and the Rhine a formidable obstacle for General Eisenhower. But they must fight and defend it keeping their garrisons constantly engaged. And in the north they are facing a more serious problem. The battle is difficult and complicated, but if Field Marshal Montgomery drives through the tip of the Siegfried Line, the Germans will be threatened with a catastrophe similar to what has occurred in the east. Above all, Anglo-American air forces are working havoc with German military organisation, communication and transport. Chaos in the rear means the loss of half the battle before it is joined. And chaos is what the Allied air forces are causing inside Germany. In such a situation on the fronts and in the rear, a military collapse may happen any day and need not cause any great surprise. But, of course, what may be called "mopping up" may be a comparatively long process.

"WORLD SECURITY CHARTER"

(BY NARAYAN H. PANDIA)

It appears from the Report of the Crimean Conference that the work done at Dumbarton Oaks is to be taken a stage further at the San Francisco Conference to be held on April 25 next, when the voting procedure will be discussed. It is stated that the object of the confabulations is "to destroy the last vestiges of Nazism and Fascism and to create democratic institutions on the choice of the liberated peoples themselves, as a part of a world order under a law dedicated to peace, security, freedom and the general well being of all mankind". This high sounding expression has to be interpreted in the context of the Dumbarton Oaks performance. The organisation proposed by it, I submit, is the reverse of democratic. The hard facts are that the dominating position in the proposed organisation is not entrusted to a body representative of all the States concerned, and expressing their combined will through laws made by a majority under a system of voting which would allow to each State a reasonable share in the exercise of power. The dominant position is given to a Security Council, which is to consist of one representative each of the U.S.A., the U.K., U.S.S.R., China, and in due course, France, as Permanent Members, and six other states elected by the Assembly for terms of two years. The Council is to have the primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. It is to be assisted by a military committee composed of the chiefs of staff of the permanent members of the Council or their representatives. It will be seen that small nations are not to be given a place in the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

A General Assembly no doubt, is proposed in which all the United Nations would be represented, but it is put into a position mainly of a "talking shop", with power to "consider", "discuss" and "make recommendations". Furthermore, the Assembly is required to refer to the Security Council, any question on which action is necessary. There is no suggestion of giving power to the Assembly to make binding laws or regulations for adjusting the divergent interests and views of the different nations even as to economic and social matters or for removing conditions tending to friction and war, or for organising collective services. There is, indeed, one function entrusted to the Assembly, viz., "to apportion the expenses among the members and approve the budget of the organisation". The vital problem of the guaranteeing of justice to aggrieved nations which cannot themselves get just settlements or their disputes by peaceful means, is left untouched. Under the circumstances it is difficult to enthuse over the statement issued by the functionaries at the Crimea Conference or to agree that it holds out assurance of either peace or security.

PUNJAB ASSEMBLY LEAGUE PARTY

Sirdar S. H. Khan Elected President

LAHORE, Feb. 18: Sirdar Shaukat Hyat Khan, ex-Minister, was unanimously elected leader of the Punjab Assembly Muslim League Party at a meeting to-day. The Nawab of Mamdot, President of the Punjab Muslim League, who has so far been leader of the Party, presided.

The other office-bearers elected are: Raja Ghazanfar Ali Khan, Dy. Leader; Miana Muhammad Nuraullah Secretary; and Khan Bahadur Mian A. Y. K. Daulatana, Chief Whip.

Sardar Shaukat Hyat Khan, in an interview, said: "The Muslim League party would continue to follow the policy of co-operating with the Congress both within and without the Assembly and carry on the struggle for freedom".

DY. COMMISSIONER'S ACTION CONDEMNED.

The Working Committee of the Punjab Muslim League to-day passed a resolution condemning the action of the Dy. Commissioner of Sheikhupura Dist. in authorising the presence of police officials at a meeting of the District Muslim League Working Committee held some time ago at the residence of its president, Malik M. A. Khan.

The Committee has appointed 30 election officers to conduct and supervise the Muslim League elections in the Province.—A. P.

INDIAN MEDICAL MEN... IN DURBAN

DURBAN, Feb. 17.—Durban's Indian Medical Practitioners who, because of prevailing racial bans and their own reluctance were not going to places where they felt they might not be wholly welcomed, including meeting of the medical association, have now decided to take the fullest advantage of the facilities offered by the Membership of the Association.

One of their spokesmen Dr. K. M. Goonam, an Indian Women Medical Practitioner, declared today the Indian doctor was placed in an invidious position in South Africa because he had no hospital practice and therefore it was difficult for him to keep abreast of the advances in medical science. Membership of the Association meant numerous advantages. The members would come in contact with eminent medical men and will be able to attend the Association's lectures and also its social functions. On the social aspect she emphasised that the membership of the Association was on a basis of complete equality and she saw no reason why Indian doctors should stay away from activities of the Association.

There are about a dozen Indian Medical Practitioners in Durban alone.—Reuter.

NAZIS TO ABANDON "GREATER REICH"

Withdrawal Of German Armies From Italy And Yugoslavia Likely

D. F. KARAKA, "Chronicle" War Correspondent

15TH ARMY GROUP, Feb. 18

My earlier wishful thinking, dispelled by Marshal Kesselring's firm stand on the west flank of Italy and his sustained pressure in the area south of Massa, appears to have more justification after Gen. Mark Clark's warning to people of Northern Italy. Clark has spoken of increasing likelihood of German withdrawal from Italy in view of Allied pressure on the eastern and western fronts of Germany. He has therefore, warned the civilian population of Northern Italy to stay out of the way of Allied bombings.

Judged from the military situation based on daily Communiques there is no indication of such German withdrawal. But I have been cautiously hinting for several days that it is becoming strategically necessary for Germany to fall back upon more compact defence lines. The decisive phase of the Italian campaign will be fought in the Po Valley if Marshal Kesselring decides to make an issue of it. Alternately he would try to escape by way of Verona and Innusbruck through the Brenner Pass. The German pressure on the Fifth Army front may be intended to cover up greater retreat.

The indications are that the German forces are trying to withdraw from Yugoslavia also possibly by way of the Italian port of Trieste via Venice both by land along the coast and by sea. The thing which stands out clearly is that the Germans finally may be abandoning "Greater Reich" to defend the fatherland proper. The words of the Big Three "Nazi Germany is doomed" are no vain boast. The Allied stranglehold on Germany is getting tighter and there appears to be determination on part of Allied Powers to blast every inch within that narrowing area to compel unconditional surrender to which the Big Three have pledged themselves. As the area of enemy territory narrows down it becomes easier for the Allies to accentuate and concentrate the full might of Allied air power upon it till that which will be left will be nothing more than a mere geographical expression.

Nazi Escape Routes In N. Italy To Be Raided

Fifteenth Army Group H. Q: Italy, Feb. 18: The full might of Allied air power is being turned against communications routes leading out of Northern Italy to make any attempt at German withdrawal as costly as possible. This is announced by Lt.-General Mark Clark, commanding the Fifteenth Army Group, in a warning issued to Italians in German occupied territory. The people are urged to keep away from industrial areas and transport systems which are scheduled to be heavily bombed.—Reuter.

STATUS OF SEMI-JURISDICTIONAL CHIEFS OF WESTERN INDIA STATES AGENCY

(BY "A STATE SUBJECT")

The usual claim put forward by Indian Princes—big and small—is that, though unquestionably under the suzerainty of the British Crown, they enjoy sovereign rights with respect to their internal affairs by virtue of the treaties, engagements and sanads entered into with them by the Paramount Power. Now, whether this claim may or may not be justified in the case of other States it is certainly wholly unjustified in the case of hundreds of petty, semi-jurisdictional nonsalute States of Western India States Agency and the reasons thereof are as follows:—

1. It was the British Government which created most of these States, divided them into different classes and vested them with limited judicial powers: (a) "In Kathiawar.... 222 States were newly created, leaving aside 12 first and second-class States which formerly existed" ('Status of Indian Princes' by Pyarelal, P. 30) (b) The Chiefs and Talukdars of Mahikantha Agency—now called Sabarkantha Agency (Sadra Division), a division of the W.I.S. Agency—were vested with limited judicial powers in 1877 by British Government: See Political Agent's Circular dated 5-5-1897 and other Circulars quoted in 'Mahikantha Directory' by F. S. Master.

It should be remembered that the Political Agent of the Mahikantha Agency was, upto the year 1926, invested with the regular appellate powers in the matter of decisions and orders passed by the Courts of the States and Talukas of Mahikantha. But for reasons best known to themselves, Government, in 1926, withdrew these appellate powers of the Political Agent (No. A.D.M. 450, Sadra, 16th Nov. 1926) and gave a blank cheque to these petty despots.

2. The following extracts from "Mahikantha Security Bond of 16 Articles of 1812 and 1830", (which was executed by 113 Jagirdars, Chiefs, and Talukdars of Mahikantha) give a very clear idea of the States of these Chiefs and Talukdars:—

"To

Sri Sarkar the Honourable the British Company Bahadur..... the Sarkar having desired us, in accordance with the custom of the country, to behave in a peaceful and proper way, as ryots, according to the orders of the Sarkar, we in obedience thereto, of our free will and pleasure and in possession of our senses, execute to the Sarkar articles of security and Ad Zamin and Fael Zamin, Hazar Zamin and Mal Zamin, etc. The articles are as follows:—

1. We will not commit anywhere in the country offences, disturbance (fitur), thefts and other crimes, nor will we cause the same to be committed.....

2. We will manage our Taluks, village land, etc., according to wishes of the Sarkar. We will not fail herein .....

16. Besides the foregoing articles, we will act according to any order Sarkar may pass.....

In this manner, we have executed sixteen articles. In accordance therewith, we, from generation to generation, will act peacefully and properly. If we depart from the articles we agree to what punishment the Sarkar may give. For fulfilment of this agreement our Watan, Giras, lands, and other property are pledges....." (see 'Mahikantha Directory' by F. S. Master).

It will be seen that the foregoing provisions of the "Mahikantha Security Bonds" executed by the Chiefs of Mahikantha are practically identical with the provisions of "bonds for good behaviour" required to be executed by 'habitual offenders' under S. 110 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. And these are the Princes who claim to enjoy sovereign rights in their internal affairs!

So, whatever may be the excuse of the Paramount Power not to put an end to the despotic powers of larger States by virtue of its so-called treaty obligations to them, there can be none in the case of these petty despots of Gujarat and Kathiawar "whose existence to-day is an anachronism" (Lord Linlithgow in his farewell address to the Chamber of Princes, on 14-10-43).

ZAFRULLA SETS BALL ROLLING

Commonwealth Members Roused To Indian Demands

LONDON, Feb. 18.

With regard to Sir Zafrulla Khan's speech at the Commonwealth Relations Conference yesterday an Australian Member said to the United Press correspondent: "Your representative has made deep impression on the Conference. He spoke with characteristic restraint and dignity and yet did not mince matters as regards India's national demand for independence."

This tribute to the leader of the Indian Delegation came spontaneously and can be taken as fairly representative of the opinion of the Assembly which cheered Sir Zafrulla most warmly on the conclusion of his speech.

The Conference will continue its deliberations for the next two weeks. The discussions and decisions of the Conference are completely non-official and, therefore, they are not binding on the Governments of the delegates taking part in the Conference. However it is hoped in responsible circles that India's relations with the other members in the Commonwealth will receive sympathetic consideration and probably help to remove the disabilities and indignities which her nationals have been suffering in the Union of South Africa.

Sir Zafrulla Khan has set the ball rolling. It will be, however, for Sir Maharaj Singh to assume the initiative in the matter of Indians in South Africa when the Conference discusses this matter.—United Press of India.

Schacht's Save Skin Mission

Wants Safety For Nazi Gang In Return For Release Of Prominent Hostages

PARIS, Feb. 18: The presence of the former President of the Reichsbank, Doctor Schacht, in Switzerland is believed in informed quarters here to be an attempt at political blackmail, writes Reuter's special correspondent. These quarters say that the Germans would offer the release of Allied prisoners for a promise ensuring the safety of leading Nazis. Dr. Schacht, it is believed, wants an assurance that in addition to Hitler, Goering, Goebbels, Himmler, Ribbentrop and von Papen, a number of German generals, who are Nazi Party members and on the Russian list of war criminals, may be allowed to live in a neutral country, possibly Spain or Portugal, after the war. While Dr. Schacht may offer the obvious to release prominent hostages such as King Leopold, the French ex-Premiers Daladier, Blum, Reynaud, and even Marshal Petain—it is believed here that he plans otherwise. It is thought that Dr. Schacht will realise that the Allied governments are not in a mood to countenance this form of bluff and blackmail, and that in appeal to Allied public opinion he may offer to release large batches of war prisoners, such as, for instance, all captured French officers, totalling nearly 100,000. In neither case is he likely meet the slightest weakness in the French Government.—Reuter

One Of World's 12 Best Pilots

How Wing-Commander Majumdar Met His Tragic End

LAHORE, Feb. 17: The accident involving the death of Wing Commander K. K. Majumdar occurred while the Initial Training Centres Athletic Meet was in progress. Wing Commander Majumdar who had specially come from Lyallpur this morning to give performance displayed a couple of acrobatics. On arrival of H. E the Governor at the ground, he attempted a nose-dive. But the aircraft failed to pull out from the dive.

Wing Commander Majumdar was one of the twelve best pilots of the world, according to an American journal recently published.

He was a member of the first batch of Indian pilots sent to England and took part in air operations over Europe. At present Wing Commander Majumdar and party were touring the Punjab to make students air-minded and select officers suitable for the Air Force.—A. P.

COURT CAUSERIE

By Nestor

WITHOUT COMMENT—

In a matrimonial case before the Court of Appeal in England reported in the London "Times" a couple of months back, one of the grounds on which it was contended that the proceedings before the trial Judge, Mr. Justice Wallington, were unsatisfactory, was that he took an undue part in the examination of witnesses, put many more questions to witnesses than all the counsel in the case put together, and in effect took the case out of counsel's hands, to the embarrassment of counsel and the prejudice of his case. Lord Greene, the master of the Rolls, stated that it was, of course, always proper for a judge, and it was his duty to put questions with a view to elucidation an obscure answer or when he thought that the witness had misunderstood a question put to him by counsel. I would, however, be generally more convenient to do so when counsel had finished his questions, or was passing on to a new subject. The Master of the Rolls observed that a judge did not know what was in counsel's brief and had not the same facilities as counsel for an effective examination in chief or cross-examination. In cross-examination experienced counsel would see just as clearly as the Judge that a particular question would be a crucial one. But it was for counsel to decide at what stage he would put that question, and the whole strength of the cross-examination might be destroyed if the Judge, in his desire to get to the crucial point, intervened and prematurely put the question himself.

Lord Greene went on to say that a judge who observed the demeanour of witnesses under examination by counsel had, from his detached position, a much more favourable opportunity of forming a just appreciation than a judge who himself conducted the examination. If he took the latter course he, so to speak, descended into the arena and was liable to have his vision clouded by the dust of the conflict, and he unconsciously deprived himself of the advantage of calm and dispassionate observation. Moreover the demeanour of a witness was apt to be very different when being questioned by a Judge, from what it was when being questioned by a counsel.

These suggestions were thrown out by the Master of the Rolls in the case of Yuill vs. Yuill in the hope that they would be found helpful in the future. We pass them on, WITHOUT COMMENT.

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THE POONA BOMB CASE

A writer has defined memory as "the cabinet of imagination." That human memory plays tricks is known to every one. And yet in a recent case from Poona in which the Government appealed from the order of acquittal passed on four persons in the sensational Capitol Cinema Bomb Case by the Sessions Judge of Poona, our High Court ordered a retrial of one of the accused. It is already two years since the date of the offence. Facts must have faded in the memory of the prosecution witnesses who will be examined on retrial, and it is hardly fair to the prosecution that its witnesses should be made to stand the test of a cross-examination as to the details of an incident which took place as far back as 24th January 1943, when a bomb exploded under a seat in the Capitol Cinema at Poona after the lights went out. The Court of Appeal came to the conclusion that the Sessions Judge had misdirected the jury with regard to the case against one of the accused, and therefore they set aside the order of acquittal in his favour, but they stated that not having the opportunity to observe the demeanour of the witnesses they were unable to appreciate the evidence and therefore they ordered him to be retried. We cannot help feeling that the Court of appeal should have taken upon itself the responsibility of passing sentence, and if they felt any doubt, they could very well have themselves acquitted the accused concerned.

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NEW JUDGES

It is reliably understood that two new High Court Judges are to be appointed shortly, and new Court rooms are being fitted up to house them. Legal practitioners constantly complain of a slump in litigation and yet the number of our High Court Judges has been steadily increasing. It is difficult to reconcile the one with the other. The appointment of new Judges could, therefore only be with a view to the quicker disposal of cases and would be a desirable way of achieving that end.

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DISMISSALS FOR DELAY

Revision applications have recently been dismissed systematically by the Chief Justice on the ground that they had not been prosecuted with diligence. It is true that the revisional jurisdiction of the High Court is purely discretionary and an application for revision will not be entertained unless it has been made without unreasonable delay. But once such an application has been filed the formalities of service etc., gone through, and everything come to make it ripe for hearing it is difficult to say that it has not been prosecuted diligently merely because it has not reached hearing for a couple of years. It is the duty of the Registrar's Office to place it on board for hearing, and if that has not been done, that office is perhaps to blame. It is true that these matters are sometimes adjusted to suit the convenience of advocates, but advocates on the appellate side of the High Court take a whole case on a lump sum fee and cannot transfer their briefs overnight without the consent of their client who may be in the mofussil. They must therefore be accommodated if they are busy in another court. Moreover, it is hard to penalise the parties to a case on this ground. Similar orders of dismissal if made with regard to appeals, would be without jurisdiction, for unlike the discretionary nature of revisional jurisdiction, an appeal is a matter of right. It seems to us that these orders cannot be justified even as having been made under the inherent power of the Court, which can only be invoked for the making of such orders as would be necessary for the ends of justice or to prevent abuse of the process of the Court, for otherwise it would be as treacherous a ground of legal decision as "public policy." It has been said that "Good is best, when soonest wrought", and there is no doubt that matters have been allowed to drift a little too much in the High Court and the stern action now taken will do a lot of good. The granting or refusal of adjournments is a matter of discretion to be exercised by each individual Judge on the facts of each particular case and cannot be controlled by any general rule of the thumb. But once a revision application has been admitted and no adjournment is asked for when it reaches final hearing in due course, we feel that it would not be a proper exercise of judicial discretion or of the inherent powers of the High Court to dismiss a proceeding merely because it has reached hearing after a couple of years.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

"Statesmen of the Commonwealth does it not strike you as an irony of the first magnitude that India should have two-and-a-half million men in the field, fighting and struggling to preserve the liberty of the nations of the Commonwealth, and yet should be a suppliant for her own freedom? How long do you think she will be prepared to wait?"
—Sir Md. Zafrullah Khan at the Commonwealth Relations Conference.

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Sir Md. Zafrullah went even further than thus prejudicing the war efforts of India, apart from other things. He threateningly asked: "How long do you think she will be prepared to wait?"

We hope Sir Francis Mudie, Bihar's ex-Governor and India's Home Member is waiting for Md. Zafrullah to intern him on return.

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Meanwhile, Lord Halley has effectively replied to Sir Zafrullah's "Quit India" call thus: "I regret that India's delegate Sir Md. Zafrullah should feel that he has left India still with a sense of frustration."

Of course, Sir Md. Zafrullah doesn't know half as much about India as Lord Halley. But, lest, Lord Halley's words still leave bits of mischief unremoved from the minds, not the "Commonwealth" delegates but of the world, another Totenham pamphlet to assure all that Sir Zafrullah is wrong, that all is well with India and that, in fact, frustration is effectively outlawed and frustrators securely imprisoned.

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Declared ex-Minister L. M. Patil at the Bombay Provincial Council of Local Bodies: "India lives in villages."

Certainly not. India lives in her Provincial and Central capitals with country houses in districts. Or in well earned retirement in Britain.

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An Associated Press message from Delhi that the dispute between the Crown Representatives and the Indian Princes which led to the resignation of the latter's Standing Committee is believed to be on the way to settlement.

It should be. What was unbelievable was that the deadlock should have lasted so many weeks.

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It is now reported by Reuters that the Indian delegate who demanded the release of Indian leaders at the world T.U.C. is not a Royist but a representative of the A.I.T.U.C.

Comrade M. N. Roy must feel profoundly relieved.

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Reuters quotes an important Lisbon newspaper as declaring that "Portugal desires to link her destinies with the world order outlined at the Big Three Conference."

And very naturally. The Big Three world order enables Portugal to "mean to hold what is ours."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Art may be long, but the artist is usually short.

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It's easy to fool a man who has no faith in human nature.

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Appearances would indicate that the average man doesn't get much beauty sleep.

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It is up to a man to declare that appearances are deceitful when they are against him.

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Sometimes a man's warm love melts a girl's heart, and sometimes it—his cold cash.

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Before marriage a woman frequently thinks of a man. After marriage she frequently thinks for him.

Appeal To Women

On the occasion of the first anniversary of the death of the late Smt. Kasturba Gandhi, women in India will spontaneously engage themselves in one or more benevolent activities that are usually resorted to on such occasions. I intend to draw their attention to one special point, that needs their sympathy more than anything else. Smt. Kasturba had no great enthusiasm for political movements as such. No doubt she plunged into action whenever duty demanded it of her. But she had faith in the dignity of human relationship. She intensely believed that the mission of religion is to establish peace and harmony by the principles of humanism how to shed all sense of fear from our minds and how to put a speedy end to the smoke of war and hatred that is choking the spirit of civilisation.

PREMA KANTAK.
Convener, Women's Organisation Maharashtra.

All-India Trade Union Congress

I have to point out a mistake that has appeared in your paper, in connection with the news-items published regarding the World Trade Union Congress.

You have mentioned that Mr. Budhindra Pramanik, the Indian Federation of Labour Delegate, in a speech delivered on February 14, demanded release of Congress leaders. Mr. Pramanik happens to be a representative of the A.I.T.U.C., and not of the Indian Federation of Labour. The speech he made was in accordance with the accepted policy of the A.I.T.U.C., with which the Royists totally defer. It is unfortunately not a fact, as you have mentioned in your headline that "Trade Union Delegates agreed on fundamentals".

(Miss) SHANTA BHALERAO.
Assist. Secretary, A.I.T.U.C

FIRE AT MAHALUXMI

500 Bales Of Hay Destroyed

Five hundred bales of hay were destroyed on Sunday evening when a fire broke out at Mahaluxmi. A number of fire engines went to the spot and localised the fire after about a couple of hours.

Ranji Trophy

Bombay Amasses 559 For 9

Brilliant Centuries By Rusi Modi And Uday Merchant

By J. C. MAITRA

Thanks to the brilliant batting by Rusi Modi, Uday Merchant and D. G. Phadkar, Bombay was able to amass the respectable total of 559 for the loss of 9 wickets which is 196 runs ahead of the Northern India score. While the first two registered a century each on their own accounts—113 and 140 not out to be exact respectively, the last-named contributed a valuable 73 to his side's tally.

MODI IMPROVES HIS RECORD

There was an appreciable increase in the number of spectators on Sunday at the Brabourne Stadium. But it was hardly worthy of the semi-final match in the National Cricket Championship.

The overnight not-outs, Rusi Modi and Phadkar, did not take long to master the visitors' bowling despite the frequent changes made in the attacks. Between them the batsmen added exactly 100 runs before a separation was caused in their partnership. Modi succumbed to Mahomed Saeed—clean bowled by the visiting Captain,—when he had put on 113 on the score sheet—a masterly innings indeed which included 13 fours registered in a period of 265 minutes' stay at the wickets. This was Modi's sixth successive century in the Ranji Trophy—a record which no other batsman can boast of.

Then Uday Merchant became associated with Phadkar and carried on the good work initiated by Ibrahim Cooper and Modi. But for a rank bad stroke made by the Elphinstonian in his otherwise fine innings which cost him his wicket at 73, Phadkar might have emulated the fine example set before him by the Xavierian. In a stay of minutes he reached the boundary times.

GOOD WORK BY HAFEEZ

Before Phadkar was out at 394, it seemed that Bombay's total would reach a colossal figure. But Abdul Hafeez turned the scale against them by capturing two wickets in quick succession—those of Phadkar and Palwankar—and then a third of Madan Raiji at a cheap price too. It was really good work with the leather which saved the Northern India Captain a considerable amount of worry. There is no doubt that in Hafeez, India will have an excellent all-rounder before long unless he is spoilt by too much praise.

FIRST CENTURY BY UDAY

With the scores at 412 for 7 and then 442 for 8, the hopes of Bombay piling up a huge score had vanished. But Keki Tarapore gave a valuable stand for 118 minutes to Uday Merchant, not only helping him to raise his side's total to 538 for the ninth wicket but contributed 41 himself on his own account. The partnership yielded as many as 97 runs.

Uday batted magnificently by a period of 262 minutes, mixing aggression with caution in a most sagacious manner. Mahomed Saeed tried as many as eight bowlers to get him out but failed. Uday carried his bat, though not without finishes, for 140 runs which included 15 fours. This was his first century in representative cricket. With his fielding much improved he may prove an asset to Bombay in future engagements.

BOMBAY'S CHANCES

Bombay has now secured a lead of 196 runs. Vijay would do well to apply closure and invite his opponents to enter into their second venture at the very beginning of the day. This may help him to collect a couple of wickets cheaply at the start. If Bombay fields as well as the visitors did, it will not be difficult for them to win the match by a big margin.

Details Of Sunday's Game

Abdul Hafeez opened the attack to Mody from the pavilion end when the game resumed on Sunday and the latter with a single completed his 80. The same batsman faced Moonavar from the opposite end and collecting four more in his over pushed up the Bombay total to 270. A short while after Phadkar with a straight drive to the on-boundary sent up 280 on board.

In Hafeez's over that followed Mody reached his 90. To this he added four, one off Badruddin who had replaced Moonaver and a leg glance off Hafeez which fetched him three. Three more off Badruddin in the mid-off brought him to 97. He followed this up with an easy mid-off four off Aslam who replaced Hafeez and reached his 100 in 152 minutes. A little later 300 appeared on board when Phadkar glanced Badruddin on the leg side for four. This brought Phadkar to his 50.

The fifth-wicket partnership which had yielded 100 so far came now to an abrupt end with a change in bowling. Mohomed Saeed who replaced Aslam smashed Mody's wickets off his very first delivery (321 5—113). Mody had stayed in the wickets for 167 minutes, and his flawless performance included 13 fours. His fall at a critical stage of the game was highly deplorable.

Uday Merchant joined Phadkar. The game assumed temporarily a dull aspect and it took nearly 20 minutes for 330 to go up. Thereafter Uday opened out his shoulders and struck Hafeez twice in the off direction once for four and again for two. Slowly the total mounted to 340, and a little later to 350 by the joint efforts of both the batsmen. After 360 Phadkar raised his shoulders and his Badruddin twice to the boundary-line, Bombay thus surpassing their rivals total and Phadkar reaching his individual 50. Thereafter the pair played out merrily till the game closed for lunch the total then standing at 390 for five.

AFTER LUNCH.

Immediately after the lunch interval, Phadkar square cut Abdul Hafeez for a brace and raised his total to 70. But in the latter's second over, the Elphinstonian offered an easy catch to Mahomed Saeed at mid-off which the visiting skipper accepted. The outgoing batsman had hitted splendidly for a period of 105 minutes scoring 70 which included 7 hits to the boundary (395—6—73).

Then Yeshwant Palwankar became associated with Uday Merchant, who welcomed his new partner by notching three-fours in quick succession hoisting 400 for his side in the process.

HAFEEZ BAGS 3 WICKETS.

Hafeez claimed his second victim in Palwankar in his third over, clean bowling him with his fourth delivery (412—7—4).

Madan Raiji filled the vacancy. And the new ball was taken with the score standing at 419. Undaunted by the dismissal of his two colleagues, Uday continued his merry career and telegraphed his half-century on the board. In his stay of 107 minutes at the wickets, he had so far hit 6 fours.

CENTURY BY UDAY MERCHANT.

Soon after 440 was put on the board, Raiji fell a victim to Hafeez under the l.b.w. code (442—8—4). The left-handed bowler's, bag of 3 victims after lunch cost him ten runs apiece in his 10 overs.

Whatever hopes Bombay had of amassing a tall score disappeared by now. With Keki Tarapore joining him Uday pursued his quest for century. But in his haste he offered a catch to Manilal at deep leg. The fielder however dropped him on the carpet. His score was then 69.

Steadily the total rose with the runs produced mainly by Uday. After the visitors total was passed he reached his 80 to be quickly followed by his 90. Frequent changes in bowling did not have any effect on him.

Just before the tea interval, Uday managed to steal a single, amidst great excitement, to complete his century. The total reached 499 with Tarapore having 11 to his account.

TARAPORE'S FINE STAND.

Resuming after the break-up for tea, Uday opened his shoulders and his example was followed by Tarapore to a certain extent. 500 was promptly noticed on the board. And decade after decade followed until at 539 Keki was found covering the wicket. He had given a fine stand to Uday for 118 minutes during which he scored 41 off his own bat and helped to add 97 runs to the tally for the ninth wicket, (539—9—41).

Kore, the last man in helped Uday to add 20 runs to the last aggregate As the end of the day both of them remained unbeaten with 140 and 0 to their respective accounts.

THE SCORES WERE.

Northern India 1st Innings	363
BOMBAY—1ST INNINGS.	
K. C. Ibrahim, c Md. Saeed, b Aslam	67
M. K. Mantri, run out	17
R. S. Cooper, c Imtiaz, b Aslam	63
R. S. Modi, c Md. Saeed	113
V. M. Merchant, run out	15
D. G. Phadkar, c Md. Saeed, b Hafeez	73
U. M. Merchant, batting	140
Y. B. Palwankar, b Hafeez	4
M. N. Raiji, l.-b.-w. Hafeez	4
K. K. Tarapore, l.-b.-w. Badruddin	41
J. J. Kore, batting	0
Extras	17
Total for 9 wickets	559

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Munavar Khan	20	1	76	0
Abdul Hafeez	56	15	138	3
Fazal Mahmpod	9	2	20	0
Badruddin	55	11	153	1
Aslam	25	2	84	2
Md. Saeed	19	5	42	1
Nazar Mohomed	8	1	28	0
Munilal	1	0	1	0

Holkar Batsmen Fare Well At Madras

MADRAS, Feb 18: A large holiday crowd of more than 14,000 watched the commencement of the second day's game in the Ranji Trophy semi-final match between Madras and Holkar at Chepauk to-day. At the close of play to-day Holkar had made 363 for nine wickets.

Score: Holkar (First Innings): Jagdale, b Rangachari 10, Sarwate, c Srinivasan, b Ramsingh 74, Mushiaq Ali c Gopalan, b Ramsingh 8, Denis Compton, b Rangachari 81, C. K. Nayudu, b Rangachari 52, C. S. Nayudu, c Johnstone, b Rangachari 44, J. N. Bhaya, st. Srinivasan, b Ramsingh 36, Gaekwad, c Richardson, b Rangachari 23, Bhandarkar c Srinivasan, b Rangachari 9, R. Fratapsingh, batting 12, O. P. Raval, batting 4. Extras 10. Total for nine wickets 363.

Fall of wickets: 1/49, 2/61, 3/131, 4/231, 5/232.

DANGE OPENS OFFENSIVE

Tactics Of Indian Federation Of Labour Exposed

LONDON Feb. 18.

Messrs. Dange, Khedgikar and Pramanik, members of the All-India Trade Union Delegation to the World Trade Union Conference have issued the following reply to the circular of the Indian Federation of Labour:—

"If strikes have taken place in India it is due to the reactionary policy of the British Government in India, which refuses increases in wages in spite of the rise of 150 to 200 per cent. in the cost of living, fails to control prices and allies itself with reactionary profiteers against the working classes.

"And the Indian Federation of Labour lines itself behind the Government in this policy.

"It has shamelessly supported the Government of India in sending thousands of women to work in pits in violation of all International Conventions while we in the All-India Trade Union Congress have offered hundreds of unemployed coal-miners for coal pits to save women.

"We are not ashamed of our nationalism if it means to demand democratic liberties for four million people. Every anti-Fascist people in the world demands this."

INDIAN FEDERATION OF LABOUR AT IT AGAIN

The Drafting Committee on the constitution of the next World Conference have allotted one seat to India and reactionaries led by Mr. Schvenels supporting the Indian Federation of Labour are trying to cancel out this seat if they cannot win it for themselves cables the political correspondent of the United Press of India.

However it does not seem likely that they will get away with the manoeuvre as the rightful organisation—All-India Trade Union Congress—is recognised by all responsible Labour organisations in the Conference. On two committees appointed by the Congress to submit reports on peace settlements and the International World Trade Union Federation two seats have been given to members of the All-India Trade Union Congress, Mr. Dange and Mr. Khedgikar.

LACK OF FLAG CREATES SCENE

The United Press of India understands that there was very nearly a scene at a lunch given by the T. U. C. to the delegates when the members of a delegation from a continental country observed that their national flag was not being displayed with the others.

They threatened to walk out until it was explained to them that no slight was intended. The facts was that it had not been possible to procure their flag in London in time.

Another group demanded more seats on the platform at a big demonstration on the ground that the size of their delegation warranted it. They found it difficult to understand that there was simply no more room on the platform.

Indian Federation Of Labour Labelled "Bogus"

LONDON, Feb. 17: Antagonism between the All-India T.U.C. and the Indian Federation of Labour at the World Trade Union Conference boiled over today into scalding attack and counter-attack.

The Federation circulated a joint message called from India, from Messrs Manioen Kara and Mr. V. B. Karnik noting the Conference's preference for the A.I.T.U.C. as most representative of Indian labour. This, the statement said, amounted to stabbing Indian labour in the back. Maintaining that the A.I.T.U.C. still advocates neutrality and that it was the Federation of Labour which prevented Indian labour being led into sabotage in 1942, when "unions affiliated with the A.I.T.U.C. agitated for a political strike which, if it had materialised, would have paralysed production", the statement claimed that the Federation has a larger membership.

The A.I.T.U.C. rejoinder referred to "the body calling itself the Indian Federation of Labour," and claimed that the A.I.T.U.C. had power to activate 5,000,000 industrial workers. It declared that the Federation was inspired and maintained by funds from the Raj, its income from membership over two years being only £400.

It styled the Federation as "a bogus organisation", spoke of Indian labour's "heroic sacrifices to maintain production", and made considerable capital out of the fact that A.I.T.U.C. delegates to the Conference had suffered years of imprisonment.—Globe.

"ONE BREEZE OVER"

LONDON, Feb. 17: Agreement between delegates of the All-India T.U.C. and the Indian Federation of Labour on the subject of representation on the Continuation Committee of the World Trade Union Conference, which will meet in Paris, was announced at the final session today.

Mr. Dange and Mr. Mukherjee got together and, amid applause, it was announced that the Indian delegations had agreed to the A.-I. T. U. C. nominating the delegate and the Indian Federation of Labour nominating the deputy.

It was later announced that the Spaniards had also agreed, but that, as Palestine Arabs and Jews were unable to agree, Palestine would not be represented on the Continuation Committee.

MUKHERJEE'S APOLOGIES

Later, the Chairman intimated that the circulation of rival Indian documents had given offence, particularly to one deleration (the Russian). He called Mr. Mukherjee to the rostrum to explain.

Mr. Mukherjee said ignorance of the rules of procedure had caused him to circulate the Indian Federation's pamphlet. He accepted responsibility and asked leave to withdraw it and apologise. Mr. Dange also spoke in similar terms. The Chairman announced that the Indian apologies were accepted and added, as an aside, "That's one breeze over."—Globe.

WHY GERMAN TOWNS ARE BOMBED

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent)

S.H.A.E.F. PARIS (Saturday).—A categorical denial was given, at Supreme Headquarters tonight, of reports that Allied Air Chiefs had decided to adopt deliberate terror bombing of German population centres.

It is stated there is no change in the Allied air or ground policy which is to destroy the German armed force, and secure unconditional surrender.

German towns are bombed according to the dictates of military expediency and those recently attacked are principally communications or oil centres. The Berlin Raid was undertaken to shatter communications through the capital which are feeding the eastern front only thirty-five miles away.

The Dresden raid was also designed to cripple communications and prevent the shunting of troops from the eastern to the western front or vice versa.

The fact that the city was crowded with refugees at the time of the attacks was purely coincidental.—Reuter.

Alleged Calumny Of Holy See

ROME, Feb. 17.—The Vatican newspaper "Osservatore Romano" tonight (Saturday) stated that it is authorised to say, the Holy See never hoped to participate in the Crimes Conference as alleged by the Moscow Radio. "We are authorised to declare that the Holy See never even remotely thought of participating in this Conference. This is a pure and simple case of calumny," it declared —Reuter

ARGENTINE TO DECLARE WAR ON AXIS

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 17: Reports from authorised circles in Buenos Aires indicate that Argentine will declare war on the Axis countries Reporters have been summoned to the Foreign Office to-night, (Saturday) to hear important statements —Reuter.

Argentine's Protest To Germany

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 17: The Argentine Government has made an energetic protest to Germany through Sweden as a result of the German proposal to detain seven Argentine diplomats as hostages, it was announced officially to-night, (Saturday).—Reuter.

DAUGHTER SEEKS TWO ANNAS DAMAGES

CAIRO, Feb. 16: An Egyptian girl is suing her father for 1 piastre (approx. 2 annas) damages because, she alleges, he insulted her in public. The case, which comes before the National Court next week, is the first of its kind to be heard in Egypt.—Globe.

WORLD PROBLEM OF JOBLESS

Australian Proposal To United States To Convene Conference

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17: The Australian Government have submitted to the United States a proposal for the World Conference "to consider an international agreement on domestic policies of employment and unemployment." According to the Australian plan the Conference would provide nations with an opportunity of exchanging statistics and information on employment and coordinating employment policies with a view to minimize world unemployment. The subject is expected to be discussed at the San Francisco Conference in April.

Yalta, Slap In The Face Of South Africa, Says Malan

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 17.—Dr. D. F. Malan, Leader of the Opposition in the Union Assembly, referring to the Yalta declaration asked why General Smuts had not been consulted on the Polish question.

After pointing out South African war sacrifices, Dr. Malan said, "This is nothing less than a slap in the face for South Africa." Dr. Malan added that the question arose whether the objects set forth in the declaration were same as those for which the Union had entered the war.—Reuter.

Prisoner In Tower Of London

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The Netherlands Government Information states tonight (Saturday): "The prisoner who, according to press reports, is held at the Tower of London had at no times access to important military information and was not in the confidence of Allied Military authorities with regard to the Arnhem operations. His arrest was due to the alertness of the Dutch Security Authorities on the Continent. Furthermore, the prisoner has been incorrectly described as a 'Dutch Officer'. He was neither an officer nor a soldier in the Netherlands Forces, nor has he at any time been held in the Tower of London. The man posed as an underground worker."

The Press reports had said that the man was accused of revealing the Arnhem attack plan to the Germans. The story was, he knew this plan because he told resistance leaders of it as an official message-bearer.—Reuter.

Swaraj House Meeting Condemns South African Land Occupation Bill

LONDON, Feb. 17: The following resoution was passed at a meeting of Indians organised by Swaraj House in London: "This meeting condemns all forms of racial discrimination against African and Asiatic Peoples particularly by South Africa, and strongly protests against the proposed 'Trading and Occupation of Land (Transvaal and Natal) Bill, which deprives the Indian community in South Africa of its legitimate civil rights. The meeting further demands the immediate annulment of this racial legislation."

Majur Mahajan At Surat

SURAT, Feb. 17:

A Majur Mahajan (Workers' Association) on the lines of the Ahmedabad Majur Mahajan was formed here yesterday. Mr. Easwerlal Chotubhai Desai was elected President.—A. P.

'HINDUSTAN' REAPPEARS

LUCKNOW, February 18: The "Hindustan", an English weekly edited by Mr. Gopinath Srivastava appeared this morning after six months' suspension.—A. P.

PAN-ARAB UNITY COMMITTEE

Ibn Saud's Condition For Adhesion To Protocol

CAIRO, Feb. 17: To-day's meeting of the Pan-Arab Union Committee lasted nearly two hours. At the conclusion, a brief three line Communique was issued saying that a second meeting of the Committee would be held to-day and a third would be held to-morrow.

IBN SAUD'S CONDITION

It is reported that King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia has informed the delegates that adhesion of Saudi Arabia to the protocol is conditional on: Firstly, Independence of Syria; Secondly, Independence of the Lebanon; Thirdly, the States must pledge themselves to combine to resist any aggression against the territory of any Arab State. The report is not officially confirmed.

Egyptian authorities deny a report that Abdul Rehman Azzam used the word Islamism in connection with the Pan-Arab Union.—Reuter.

GENERAL OPTIMISM AT PAN-ARAB CONFERENCE

CAIRO, Feb. 17.—Today's meeting of the Pan-Arab Committee took place in an atmosphere of general optimism. There is so much of goodwill and agreement on all sides that it is expected that a constitution will be drafted without difficulty and signed next month. Nevertheless experienced observers wonder how far an Arab Union will materialise in practice when interests clash and old rivalries reappear.

The history of the Arab, whether Christian or Muslim—and there is a large number of Christian Arabs—is one of disunion. Intensely individualist, as the Arabs are, dissensions easily arise among them. Arabs in the past have been united temporarily by a strong ruler of burning enthusiasm for a cause. At present the Arab Union is helped by a strong feeling between the Arabs over the question of the Lebanon, Syria and Palestine. The Lebanon and Syria situation is at present looking better. It is felt that French political circles here have been too dogmatic and unyielding while the Syrians and the Lebanese have particularly lately been too much in a hurry to tie up all loose ends in midwar.

The Palestine situation is quieter too, and there are hopes here that it may be settled satisfactorily without arousing further antipathies. Already the influences binding the Arabs together are beginning to lose their strength. At the same time it is reported that Lebanon is adopting a slightly less cautious attitude towards the Union following the more conciliatory attitude of the French. The Lebanon which contains a Christian majority does not wish to be swamped by a predominantly Muslim League. The next few months should reveal the effect of these various tendencies.—Reuter.

Arab Conference Within Two Months

CAIRO, Feb. 17: Belief that the General Conference of Arab Nations would be called before two months was expressed by Abdul Rahman Azzam Bey, Minister for Arab Affairs in the Egyptian Foreign Office after the second session of the Arab Foreign Ministers' Conference here today.—Globe.

P. To Hold Conference To Push On 15 Pt. Programme

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 17.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Provincial Congress Representative Assembly was held here to-day, Mr. Sampoornanand presiding. The Committee decided to hold a general meeting of the Provincial Representative Assembly at Benares on March 17 and 18. It also decided to hold a Constructive Programme Conference at Benares on March 17 to discuss and outline as to how to run the constructive work in the province as envisaged by the Sub-Committee.

TANDONJI'S ARREST

The Committee discussed the arrest of Mr. Purshottamdas Tandon, President of the Provincial Congress Representative Assembly, and felt that the action of the Government was premeditated and not the result of anything which he might be supposed to have said or done in Gorakhpur. The Committee called upon the public, and particularly Congressmen, not to allow their attention to be diverted by such arrests, but to take up the constructive work with redoubled energy.

The Committee also decided to open a training Centre at its Central Office, Seva Kunj Ashram, Unao. The Training Centre would be organised on the same lines as the Sevagram Ashram at Wardha.

ADVICE TO STUDENTS

The Committee also noted with concern the growing rift in the ranks of nationalist students which was preventing them from functioning as a united body and taking up effectively the constructive programme and called upon the students to take active steps to make the nationalist students' organisation a strong and united body.—A. P.

KASTURBA FUND BOARD

Executive To Meet In Bombay In April

WARDHA, Feb. 17: Mr. A. V. Thakkar, General Secretary of the Kasturba Memorial Fund, in a Press Note announces that the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Kasturba Fund and its Executive Committee which were to be held in Delhi in the first week of March have been postponed to be held in Bombay in April.

The meeting of the Executive Committee will now be held on April 1 and 2, and that of the Board of Trustees on April 3 and 4.

This alteration is due to the fact that the meetings of the original dates would have been too soon after the meeting of the Executive Committee due to take place to-day and tomorrow.—United Press.

Policy Of Kasturba Memorial Fund Disbursement

WARDHAGANJ, Feb. 18.

A resolution to give financial assistance to such institutions as would work according to the aims and objects of the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Fund was adopted at the meeting of the Provincial Secretaries of the Fund held here.

The second resolution stated that

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clearly stated by me and I know that Congressmen all over the country are acting on the advice I have uttered.

But abstention even from referring to the theoretical possibility of resistance and the like cannot be forced or even made a condition of prosecuting the constructive programme. It has undoubtedly independence, political, social and economic, as its aim. It is a moral, non-violent revolution in all the departments of life of a big nation, as the end of white caste and untouchability and such other superstitions must vanish, differences between Hindu and Muslim must become things of the past, enmity against Englishmen or Europeans must be wholly forgotten and Princes and Capitalists must live as perfect friends with the whole mass of India as the real and legal trustees of the people for wealth they may possess.

Is there anything wrong in the attempt? What are Government protestations about Indian independence if they will not tolerate the movement I have sketched, except on conditions impossible of acceptance? Are they not satisfied with the extraordinary power they possess? Must they keep without trial the best known as well as the least known Indians in their custody lest the latter may preach independence from one end of the country to the other and non-violent acts in pursuit thereof? Must they re-arrest released persons the moment they speak and act as free men, if their speech or act does not please the authority?

"MY PAINFUL EXPERIENCES"

Another painful experience I am undergoing which I must share with the public is the report of assault and torture resorted to for the purpose of extorting confessions from prisoners. Some cases are already before the public such as the notable one of Kolhapur. Many other instances of comparatively recent occurrence have been brought to my notice. One particular case I have in mind related to a young lad who, on my advice, gave himself up to the police because he had been wanted. If some of the reports that one hears are not well founded, I am satisfied several others are perfectly genuine. Is it not time this practice of torture and ill-treatment of people held in captivity is firmly discountenanced and put an end to by the powers that be?

In August 1942 instead of needlessly precipitating a quarrel with the people, if the authority had listened to the pleading of the Congress, India would have enjoyed independence and the war would have already ended with honour for the Allies and happiness for the suppressed people of the earth. That is my retrospection. If things go on as they are doing in India, the victory that the Allies will have, will be only so-called, because they will also have India and other nations in the same plight bleeding at their feet, such a victory can only lead in the near future to a war bloodier if possible than the one that will have closed. For as I have said elsewhere victory won at the expense of India will mean that out of the ashes of Fascism, Nazism and Japanese Militarism will have risen a new monster that will seek to eat all it sees and in the attempt will be eaten up, leaving I know not what.

It has given me no pleasure to pen this statement. There is much more I can say but I shall say no more for the present.—A. P.

Restriction On Six Orissa Congressmen

PURI, Feb 15.—Notices under Sec 144 Cr.P.C. have been served on Acharya Harihar Das, Pandit Krupasindhu Hota, Mr. Satyabadi Nanda and three other Congress workers prohibiting them from holding public meetings and processions anywhere within the jurisdiction of the Sadar sub-division of the district for two months.—A.P.

Karachi Congressman Released Unconditionally

KARACHI, Feb. 17.

The Government of Sind having withdrawn restriction order against Mr. Ghanshyam Mirchandani a prominent member of the Karachi District Congress Committee, who had been detained since August, 1942, was released unconditionally from Karachi jail today. Mr. Mirchandani refused to sign the restriction notice yesterday.

The Congress detenus at present lodged in Sind jails number 17 including three M.L.As.—A. P.

INTERNMENT LIFTED

MADRAS, Feb. 18.

A message from Nagercoil says that the order of internment passed on Messrs. C. P. Elango and P. Natarajan, workers of the Tamil Nad Communist Party by the Madras Government last year has been cancelled.

A copy of this order has it is learned been sent to Mr. Elango who is now in Nagercoil.—United Press.

BHULABHAI TO VISIT PESHAWAR

PESHAWAR, Feb. 15: It is understood that prominent Congress leaders including Mr. Bhulabhai Desai and Mrs. Sarojini Naidu are expected to attend a political conference to be held in Peshawar under the auspices of the Congress in March next to chalk out a constructive programme for the Frontier Provinces.

Lala Raghunath of Charsadda, a member of the Frontier Provincial Congress Committee, has been released after about three years' detention.—A. P.

"BOYCOTT RAO COMMITTEE"

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 16: Mahant Digvijai Nath, President of the Agra Provincial Hindu Sabha, in a statement to the Press, appeals to all Hindus to boycott the Rao Committee and to give expression to their dissatisfaction by demonstrations public meetings and in the press against these measures.—A. P.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Feb. 17.

March 22.06, May 22.00, July 21.85
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NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, Feb. 17.

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PROPERTY FOR SALE

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

UJJAIN SINGHAST FAIR BANNED

IN THE INTEREST of the intending pilgrims it is hereby announced that considering the shortage of foodstuffs and difficulties in transport due to wartime Gwalior Government has banned the holding of the Singhast Fair, Ujjain, the first and second phases of which were to take place from September to November 1944 and from March to June 1945 respectively.

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25, Norris Rd., Jubbulpore.
Madan House, Palan Rd., Bhusawal.

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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS FROM candidates between 18 and 44 years in age are invited for a temporary post of Chief Organiser under Sericulture Section of the Department of Industries Bombay on fixed salary of Rs. 175 P.M. Candidates must have good University Education preferably B.Ag. or B.Sc. degree with natural science, or Botany and Zoology as special subjects. Practical experience of about five years in propaganda in mulberry cultivation Silk-worm rearing Silk Filature reeling etc. is essential Candidates with administrative experience will be preferred. Those already in service of any Govt. should apply through their Department. For other particulars and prescribed form for application which should reach this office not later than 17th March, 1945, apply to the Director of Industries Old Custom House Yard Fort Bombay.

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ROYAL INDIAN NAVY

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the posts of Lower Division Clerks from candidates who have passed the Matriculation Examination and possess a minimum speed in Typewriting of 35 words per minute.

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Applications in writing, stating age, qualifications, and previous experience, if any, should be addressed to:—

THE NAVAL STORE OFFICER.
H.M.I. Dockyard,
Bombay.

(Closing date: 24th February 1945).

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ANNOUNCEMENT

ASIAN AIR ASSOCIATES wish to announce that Mr. J. Arakil has taken over control of their Stores & Purchase Department. All dealers are advised to get Mr. Arkil's authority before fulfilling any orders, to ensure payment being made.

J. W. HICK,
Dy. General Manager.

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MACHINERY WANTED.

Wanted Edge-runners, Grinding Cylinders, Filter Presses, Fuzmills Jiggers and Brick-presses, new or Second-hand. Write with full particulars and price to Box No. 2135, "Bombay Chronicle."

MISCELLANEOUS ADLETS

The Hind Engineering Works, Krishna Bhawan Sisamau, Cawnpore. Manufacturers of Oil Expeller parts and Country Glue. 7353

Prabhat Rubber Works wants Tin Caps printed with name for their Fountain Pen Ink Bottles. Those who are interested in manufacturing them should apply to them at 195, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay 2. 7355

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

For Sale on Tuesday 20th February at 11-30 a.m. Motor Cycle, "Norton" 19.2 Model, S. H. P., O. H. V., Magdyno, Pillion, in good running condition. On view on Auction Sale date at Bennett & Co.'s Show Room Apollo Street Bombay. 7340

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY
Office of the Controller of Supplies (Disposals)
Strand House, Graham Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

AUCTION NOTICE.

The following public auction sales will be held during the month of February 1945.

LOCATION	DATE.	TIME.	STORES OFFERED FOR SALE
1. P. S. D. Haji Bunder Sewree, Bombay.	19-2-45	10-30 A.M.	Misc. General Stores & M.T. parts.
2. M. T. Breakdown Depot Nasik Road.	20-2-45.	10-30 A.M.	M.T. Parts.
3. Salvage Sub Depot, Nasik Road.	21-2-45.	10-30 A.M.	Misc. General Stores
4. Army Salvage Depot Ghorpuri.	21-2-45.	10-30 A.M.	Misc. General Stores
5. Govt. Timber Salvage Depot, Matunga	22-2-45	10-30 A.M.	Timber recovered from packing cases.
6. Salvage Sub Depot, Trimulgherry, Secunderabad (Dn.)	22-2-45.	10-30 A.M.	Misc. General Stores
7. M. T. Breakdown Depot, Trimulgherry, Secunderabad (Dn.)	23-2-45.	10-30 A.M.	M.T. Parts.
8. M. T. Breakdown Depot, Dehu Road.	24-2-45.	11 A.M.	M. T. Parts.

2. The materials to be auctioned can be viewed at site by previous arrangement with the Officer's in charge of the Depots concerned.

3. Terms and conditions governing the auction sales will be announced by the Government Auctioneers prior to the commencement of the auctions.

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No. 1429 of 1945.

NOTIFICATION

THE FOLLOWING DRAFT of a Notification which the Government of Bombay propose to issue under sections 67 and 68 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939, and which has been published in the Bombay Government Gazette of 8-2-45 is reproduced for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby. Any objections or suggestions with regard to the proposed amendments will be considered by Government after the expiry of one month from the date of publication of the notification in the Bombay Government Gazette and should be forwarded so as to reach the office of the Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Gymnasium Road, Bombay, on or before 28-2-45.

DRAFT NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 67 and 68 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 (IV of 1939), and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Government of Bombay is pleased to amend the Bombay Motor Vehicles Rules, 1940, as follows, namely:—

I. After rule 85 of the said rules, the following new rule shall be inserted namely:—

"85A. Additional provisions relating to conduct of passengers and other persons in omnibusses operating in the City of Bombay—

(1) In this rule unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context—

(a) 'Company' means any person duly authorised to ply motor omnibuses in the City of Bombay.

(b) 'Omnibus' means a stage carriage for the conveyance of passengers within the City of Bombay.

(c) 'Ticket' includes an identity card issued by the Company.

(2) No person shall enter, or leave, or attempt to enter, or leave any omnibus whilst in motion.

(3) No person shall enter into, or alight from, an omnibus except by the entrance or exit provided for the purpose.

(4) No person shall enter into an omnibus without first permitting all passengers leaving the omnibus to alight.

(5) No person shall knowingly or intentionally enter an omnibus which is carrying the maximum number of passengers according to the limit of the passenger capacity prescribed under these rules.

(6) No passenger or unauthorised person shall mount the driver's platform or talk or interfere with, or otherwise distract the attention of the driver of an omnibus while on duty.

(7) No passenger shall obstruct any employee of the Company in the execution of his duty on the omnibus.

(8) No passenger shall place his foot upon any seat of an omnibus.

(9) No person (not being an employee of the Company), except a 'bona fide' passenger or intending passenger, shall board an omnibus and no passenger shall hang on to any exterior part of an omnibus.

(10) Every passenger shall on being so requested by the conductor declare to him the journey he intends to take or has taken in the omnibus and shall before leaving the omnibus, pay to the conductor the legal fare for the whole of such journey, as specified in the table of fares exhibited in the omnibus, and shall be entitled to receive a ticket corresponding thereto from the conductor.

(11) A ticket shall be valid only for the journey during which (and by the omnibus in which) it has been issued.

(12) No passenger shall travel in an omnibus beyond the destination to which the fare he has paid entitles him to travel without informing and paying to the conductor the legal fare for the additional journey. Every passenger shall, when so required, get off the omnibus in which he is travelling at the terminus of the route for which it is booked.

(13) If at any time, a passenger in an omnibus—

(a) has dress or clothing, which is likely to soil or damage the dress or clothing of another passenger or which for any other reason is offensive to other passengers, or

(b) occupies more than one seat, or reserves or attempts to reserve another seat either for himself or for another passenger, or

(c) carries any bird, or fish other than tinned fish in its original packing,

the driver and the conductor, if any, may require such passenger to alight from the omnibus forthwith and may stop and keep it standing until the passenger has alighted. Such passenger shall not be entitled to any refund of fare which he may have paid and any person failing to comply forthwith with such a requirement may be forcibly removed by the driver or conductor or on the request of the driver or conductor by any passenger by any police officer, and shall be guilty of an offence.

(14) A passenger who is reasonably suspected by the driver or conductor of contravening any of the provisions of this rule shall on demand being made by the driver or conductor or a police officer, give his correct name and address to such driver, conductor or police officer.

(15) Every omnibus shall carry on it a complaint book in which passengers shall be entitled to record any legitimate complaints in connection with the omnibus service. Such complaints shall be written clearly and in an intelligible manner and shall be considered by the Company.

(16) The provisions of this rule shall apply in respect of omnibuses operating in the City of Bombay in addition to those contained in rule 85.

(17) A copy of rule 85 and this rule in English and in Marathi, Gujarati and Urdu shall be carried in a prominent place in every omnibus.

II. In clause (XIV) of rule 85 of the said rules, after the word 'flesh', the words 'fish other than tinned fish in its original packing' shall be inserted."

(Sd.) E. SHEEHY,
Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bombay.

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NOTIFICATIONS

Finance Department (Supply), Bombay Castle, 1st February, 1945.

BOMBAY RATIONING ORDER, 1943.

No. C. R. 68—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (7) of clause 2 of the Bombay Rationing Order, 1943, the Government of Bombay is pleased to amend the Government Notification, Finance Department, (Supply), No. C. R. 63 dated the 25th March 1943, as follows, namely:

In the said notification for the entry relating to sugar, the following shall be substituted:—

"Sugar candy, crystal, crushed, bura and lissa sugar."

BOMBAY RATIONING ORDER, 1943.

No. C. R. 59.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (7) of clause 2 of the Bombay Rationing Order, 1943, the Government of Bombay is pleased to amend the Government Notification, Finance Department (Supply, No. C. R. 59 (b) dated the 26th May, 1943, as follows, namely:

In the said notification for the entry relating to sugar, the following shall be substituted:—

"Sugar candy, crystal, crushed, bura and lissa sugar."

By order of the Governor of Bombay,

D. S. BAKHLE,
Joint Secretary to Government.

(1953)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that EBRAHIM ESMAILBHAI DATOOBHAI BADRUDIN ESMAILBHAI DATOOBHAI and KULSUMBAI, widow of Esmailbhai Datoobhoy of Bombay Khoja Mahomedan Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Hamam House, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY ABOVENAMED

All that piece or parcel of land or ground known as Varkhai Bagh situate, lying and being at Malad Pot Tukdi Bandra, Sub-District Bandra Taluka Salsette District Bombay Suburban, containing by admeasurement 24,400 Square Yards or thereabouts and bearing numbers as follows:—

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and house standing thereon and bearing No. 9 of the Notified Area Committee and bounded on the East partly by the property of the Khot of Malad and partly by the property of Lakhmibai Patkar and partly by the B.B. & C.I. Railway Line and partly by the property of F. E. Dinshaw on the West by the property of Gopal Narayan and partly by Ghodbunder Road on the North by the property of Gordhandas Khetsey and partly by Khajuria Road leading to Kandivli Station and partly by the property of Vavidutt V. Desai on the South by the property of Dr. Misquitta.

Dated this 16th day of February, 1945.

AMIN DESAI & NANAVATI,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
I.C. NO. 12 OF 1945.

In the matter of the INDIAN COMPANIES ACT VII of 1913.

And

In the matter of AIR SERVICES OF INDIA, LTD. and Reduced a Joint Stock Company having its registered office at Scindia House, Ballard Estate, within the Fort of Bombay.

Air Services of India, Ltd., and Reduced a Joint Stock Company having its Registered Office at Scindia House, Ballard Estate, within the Fort of Bombay .. Petitioners.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition presented to the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhagwati on the 12th day of February, 1945, for confirming a Resolution reducing the Capital of the Company from Rupees Eight lacs, seventy-seven thousand seven hundred and five (Rs. 8,77,705/-) to Rupees Seven lacs thirty-three thousand seven hundred and seventy (Rs. 7,33,770/-) is directed to be heard before the Hon'ble the Judge sitting in Chambers on the 23rd day of March, 1945.

Dated this 14th day of February, 1945.

PAYNE & CO.,
Attorneys for the Petitioners.

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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. KRISHNAJI RAGHUNATH KHADILKAR of Poona Hindu Inhabitant has contracted for the absolute sale to our client of the undermentioned property. All persons, therefore, having or claiming any right title or interest in or to the said property or any part thereof whatsoever are hereby required to make such claim known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at No. 134, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from this date, otherwise the said sale will be completed without reference to any such claim and all such claims, if any, made thereafter will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

FREE HOLD land, admeasuring 375 Sq. Yards together with the building standing thereon, situate at 50 ft. Road, off Lady Jamshedji Road, bearing Municipal Plot No. 43A and bearing Laughtons Survey No. 1403 and Cadastral Survey No 1/2058 of Mahim Division and bearing Municipal G Ward No. 4090 (10A) and Street No. 245.

Dated this 16th day of February, 1945.

SUNKERSETT & VAIDYA,
Attorneys for the Purchaser.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

SALE OF MILK BY HOT MILK SHOPS

Finance Department (Supply), Bombay Castle, 15th February, 1945.

No. 57 (G)/IV-C—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules, the Government of Bombay is pleased to amend, with effect from the 16th day of February, 1945, Government Notification, Finance Department (Supply) No. 57 (G)/IV-C, dated the 24th November, 1944, as follows namely:—

In the said notification, to the Explanation the following shall be added, namely:—

"but does not include a Hot Milk Shop wherein Tea or Coffee is not supplied or served."

By Order of the Governor of Bombay,

D. S. BAKHLE,
Joint Secretary to Government.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

TATA AIR LINES ANNOUNCE with sincere regret that they have been compelled to take over the premises occupied by the Victory Cafe. Additional office accommodation has to be found immediately on account of an expansion in their organisation due to an increase in operations for Government. Every effort has been made to find accommodation, other than the Victory Cafe premises, without success.

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WANTED

GENERAL MANAGER for a large Bank to be opened shortly starting pay Rs. 2,000/- to Rs. 3,000/- according to qualification. Applicants with long Banking experience and ability to organize and control extensive branches need apply. Selected candidates shall have to see the undersigned.

DEWAN MAYURBHANJ STATE,
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AUCTION SALES

SALE TO-DAY AT 10-30 A.M.

AUCTION SALE OF ACCESSORIES AND SPARE PARTS OF MOTOR TRANSPORT AND MISCELLANEOUS STORES.

By order of the Controller of Supplies Disposals Branch, Bombay, Messrs. GANDHI & CO. will offer for sale by Public Auction at 10-30 a.m. (S. T.) at Port Salvage Depot, Haji Bunder Depot, Bombay:—

M. T. Parts including frames and handles cycle forks, and wheels oil filters air and brake peddles, fly wheels and rings, Crown wheels and Pinions crank shafts universal joints, gears, motor cycle clutch and brake drums gear boxes radiators transfer gears, connecting rods, springs ignition coils, regulators, spring hangers, etc., bonnet shields body brackets, chassis, front and rear springs etc. also misc. stores such as chassis with desk springs artillery transporter bodies nuts, bolts, washers steel wire rope canvas gunny old, hose pipe, rubber scrap, shovels, water proof and anti-gas coats, 2-4-5 and 10 and 45 gls. drums, circular steel frames steel hands with nuts and bolts light scrap galv. scrap shoes, firewood etc.

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AUCTION SALE OF ACCESSORIES AND SPARE PARTS OF FORD, CHEVROLET AND OTHER MAKERS.

By order of the Controller of Supplies Disposals Branch, Bombay, Messrs. GANDHI & CO., will offer for sale by Public Auction on Saturday, 24th February, 1945, at 11 a.m. (S. T.) at M. T. Breakdown Depot, Dehu Road:—

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N. B.:—Dehu Road Station is the next Station after Talegaon between Bombay and Poona.

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By order of the Controller of Supplies Disposals Branch, Bombay, Messrs. GANDHI & CO., Auctioneers will offer for sale by Public Auction on Thursday, 22nd February 1945 at 10-30 a.m. (S. T.) at Timber Salvage Depot, Matunga opp. Wadala Station:—

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